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We believe that racism poses a threat to the fabric of our society

We believe that no political party should pander to racism in order to gain electoral advantage

We believe that the Government must give the lead by strengthening legislation and using that legislation effectively

We believe that good race relations depend upon local councils and the communities they serve providing the best example

We believe in the unity of the victims of racism

We believe that a vote for a racist candidate is a vote against democracy

RACISM IS NO SOLUTION

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## Editorial

# Your vote is democracy's defence

Fascist thuggery and terror are continuing unabated in the run-up to the May local council elections in Britain.

In London Combat 18 and the BNP fired an Asian business, in Durham they smashed up the home of a trade unionist and in Milton Keynes they threw a firebomb at a meeting addressed by 82-year-old Leon Greenman, a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust who lost his family at the hands of those whom Combat 18 wishes to emulate. Leon, showing tremendous courage, told his audience to stand fast and not be afraid of the fascists' attempts to terrorise them.

In Leeds the nazis have been frustrated by the good work of local anti-fascists and by a keen police interest in their activities. In the Northeast a judge sent two nazis away for three years with a warning about racial violence.

Now the nazis have to be defeated at the ballot box. The democratic system, which is being put under strain by corruption in high places and some newspaper columnists who appear to think it is past its prime, will have to be defended by the mass of ordinary men and women in this country. Not only must we stop the nazis gaining ground beyond the Isle of Dogs, but we must also reverse their single gain there with a campaign to see that all the 5,000 voters who did not bother to turn out last September use their vote this time. We must also ensure that not a single vote is lost because of nazi intimidation of the electorate. If you are afraid then think of Leon's brave example and cast your vote.

*Searchlight* welcomes the formation of the United Campaign Against Racism. Its aim will be to bring together the major organisations already campaigning against the racists, as well as religious bodies which, while they oppose racism, do not usually stand up to be counted in an organised fashion. It will be seeking endorsement for its statement of aims from people right across the political and cultural spectrum. It will not detract from or hamper the work of existing organisations, be they national or local, but in a crucial election period will act as a focal point for those hundreds of thousands of people who are not yet committed to joining actively in the fight against racism.

Wherever the fascists stand they will not be given an easy ride. Thousands of people are now mobilising through the TUC the United Campaign Against Racism, the Anti Nazi League, the Anti Racist Alliance and dozens of local groups of anti-racists and anti-fascists to make sure the path to the polling stations will be safe for those who oppose the enemies of democracy.

As the statement on our cover says: a vote for the racists is a vote against democracy. Racism is no solution, it only leads to misery and death. Your vote is a weapon in the war against the racists. Use it.


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An insignificant face in a mob. Derek Beackon, the small man with glasses, before his days of fame spouting inanities on television. Two rows in front of him is Richard Edmonds, with right arm raised, now awaiting trial on violence charges

# BNP stirs up violence to boost local election campaign

**Violence, bomb seizures by the police and attempts to set up phoney black power groups are marking the nazis' campaign in the run-up to the local elections on 5 May. But a serious fight back has now been organised against the racist parties contesting the polls and the extra-parliamentary groups working in the shadows in support of them.**

By the time this issue of *Searchlight* appears, Italy will have voted for a new government in a neck to neck battle between the forces of democracy and an alliance between old fascism and the new ultra right.

At the end of this month, after years of repression and spiralling bloodshed, South Africa will vote in multiracial elections in an atmosphere of murder, right-wing plots and self seeking black chieftains doing deals with neo-nazis.

In June, the countries of the European Union will vote in elections for the European Parliament and by the end of the year Germany will have held a series of state and central government elections.

In the Netherlands, one of the most secure democracies in Europe, the far right made large gains in local elections last month, a result that bodes ill for the rest of Europe.

In Britain *Searchlight* is focussing on the local elections on 5 May and five pending parliamentary by-elections, three of which are to be held in what are currently labour seats in three adjoining constituencies in east London, the heartland of the British National Party's activities.

*Searchlight* has been concerned about the way the press and television have played up the chances of the BNP. However, in recent weeks the message appears to have got through to writers and programme makers that these people are dangerous, anti-democratic and criminal.

Appearances by *Searchlight* staff on national and local television and contributions from key figures in the black and Jewish communities have done much to pin the well earned label of criminals onto the BNP leadership as well as the party's foot soldiers.

In the Northwest, *Searchlight*'s Steve Tilzey for the first time exposed the vicious nature of Ken Henderson, the local BNP boss, on Granada Television's local current affairs programme.

This was not the only success on the part of Tilzey and *Searchlight*'s team in the Northwest. Within hours of posters appearing in the Greater Manchester area calling for black people to join something calling itself "Black Pride", we were able to reveal in the local press that the box number being used for this non-existent group was held by none other than Austin Stonham, the local BNP organiser from Blackburn.

Another piece of local garbage is Sean Crambie. A convicted arsonist who stood for the BNP in a local election last year, he was one of 50 to 60 nazis in Nottingham on 15 January, the day of the nazi attack on Mushroom Bookshop.

It would be useful to know a bit more about the activities of a friend of Crambie, Michael "Robbo" Robinson, a bonehead in his mid twenties from Burnley, where a cooperative café, the Red Triangle, in the town centre is under constant attack from gangs of local nazis breaking windows. The temperature in Burnley has risen considerable lately through a series of attacks and threats by people linked with the BNP.

In Yorkshire, Anti-Fascist Action groups in Leeds, York and Hull combined with local students, MPs, councillors and trade unionists to expose the connections between Combat 18, the nazi terror machine, and key local BNP activists.

Inspired by these successes and the excellent new edition of *Attitude*, the Leeds AFA magazine, around 200 anti-fascists took to the streets of Leeds in March to put a stop to a BNP gathering, running the fascists from pillar to post. So well managed was this activity that not a single anti-fascist was arrested. Kevin Harrison, the local BNP organiser, drove so erratically in his panic to get away that the police stopped the car and turfed out the occupants.

Threats from the BNP thugs that they would return the following Saturday and again attack left-wing paper sellers, all came to naught after large numbers of anti-fascists turned out to help protect them and a large-scale plain clothes police operation was mounted. Nazi thug Dave Appleyard was left looking very frustrated at not being able to hit anyone this time.

Despite violent attacks by nazis, from Leeds to Scarborough, anti-fascists are showing they are willing and able to gather effective intelligence on the enemies of democracy and put it to good use.

Joint intelligence operations enabled Leeds AFA and Searchlight last month to help expose key players in the Yorkshire region of the BNP, such as the violent thug Dave Appleyard; Kevin Watmough, the reconstructed glue sniffer; Tony White, the counter intelligence errand boy for Combat 18;

Klansman John Simpson; John Rhodes; Tony MacDonnell and Kevin Harrison, a local BNP string puller who until recently operated very much behind the scenes.

Appleyard appears to have extended his area of violent operations to the east coast at Scarborough where trade unionists have been under attack.

In nearby Hull the BNP has attempted to exert its criminal influence on the football terraces in recent months. Most sensible fans have rejected these attempts.

Complaints by local councillors, trade unionists and MPs in Yorkshire have led to a local police Special Branch operation to try and halt the more criminal activities of Combat 18 and the BNP.

Searchlight intelligence has now amassed ample evidence to prove who is producing Combat 18's material. The links between John Cato, who moved from Kent to near Spalding in Lincolnshire, and Paul "Sid the Snake" Jeffries are now fully confirmed. We doubt if John Tyndall, the BNP leader, is going to be best pleased with this couple's presumed forgery of at least one letter purporting to be from himself to Cato.

If, on the other hand, the letter is not a forgery, it makes the BNP's proscription of Combat 18 a lie. More evidence of the continuing links between Combat 18 activists and the BNP appears in the March issue of *British Nationalist*. At the bottom of page 6 is an advertisement encouraging people to listen to nationalist radio. For details they are told to contact Life Rune Books, which Sid the Snake and Cato run on behalf of Dr William Pierce's short-wave radio operation in the USA. Over and out to you John.

Cato has Post Office box number 42 in Spalding in the name of Acorn Press. He clearly has a sense of humour: he runs the nazi occult magazine *The Oak*. But a large Oak is unlikely to grow from his little Acorn press, as most of his activities are illegal.

Until recently Cato was operating from the White House (is this delusions of grandeur or just racism?), in Broadgate, Whaplode Drove, Spalding. An extensive Special Branch search for Cato, stretching from Kent to the north of England, appears to have failed to locate him. Then again Special Branch may not have the agents in place inside groups like Combat 18 and the BNP that Searchlight has. Or perhaps there are more anti-fascists in Lincolnshire than Mr Cato realises. *Searchlight* thanks the "Lincolnshire poacher".

Tyndall claims he has stopped his members in the BNP from associating with the thugs of Combat 18 to give the BNP a more respectable image in the run-up to the local elections. But BNP members appear capable of holding their own in the thuggery stakes, particularly in Yorkshire and east London. Although the BNP's Tony Wells, alias Lecomber, was seriously assaulted by "Wilf", a Combat 18 heavy, as we reported last month, some BNP members are still working together with the terrorists of Combat 18. So stretched will be the BNP's resources canvassing and bullying on doorsteps during the May elections that they will be forced to rely on Combat 18 to protect them.

Anger greeted the puny sentences handed down to Simon Chadwick (long suspected by Combat 18 members of being a police grass, hence the two beatings they gave him last year) and the others in his gang, including Graham Tasker, a psychotic attacker of black women and anybody he can lay a hammer to. After being found guilty at Leicester Crown Court in early January, they returned at the end of February when Chadwick and Tasker were given 120 hours community service and two others a mere 80 hours.

The police and MPs in Nottingham and Derbyshire, as well as the gang's victims, are to put it mildly not impressed with this performance by the judge, who appeared to believe that Tasker and Chadwick had kept out of trouble during the year they were awaiting trial. Chadwick can be seen clearly on television news footage being "active" during disturbances in east London after Derek Beackon's election as the BNP's first local councillor last year, and his assault on a Labour councillor in Surrey appears not to have been brought to anyone's attention.

However his earlier conviction for violence was noted and this makes it even more strange that he should have got off so lightly. Unfortunately this is not an isolated case. In

**Left top: Dave Appleyard, a nazi thug from Drighlington, near Leeds, who likes to beat up anyone who disagrees with him. Right: Appleyard before his current hairless look. Above left: Tony White, another Yorkshire C18 footsoldier**

## Sixteen face violent disorder charges

Sixteen people have been charged with violent disorder following the nazi attack on Mushroom Bookshop on 15 January. The nazis, who had stopped off in Nottingham on their way to a Blood and Honour gig in London, attacked the progressive bookshop after they learned that the concert had been cancelled.

The attack left four people injured and caused £10,000 of damage to equipment and windows.

Thirty-two people were arrested on the day Those charged are: Andrew Nichols, of Thornton Road, Wearhill Estate, Bridlington; Paul Blewitt, of Milner Road, Bridlington; Shaun Hogarth, of Rectory Walk, Bridlington; Peter Brood, of Waterloo Street, Burton on Trent; Stephen Bradley, of Belmont Street, Townhead, Coatbridge, Lanarkshire; Paul Burns, of Matlock Road, Chaddesden, Derby; Ian Simpson, of Hellhead Road, Kirkintillock, Glasgow; Paul Lindley, of Pinfold Lane, Stapleford; Kevin Norman, of Revelstoke Way, Rise Park, Nottingham; Phillip Blakestone, of Wentworth Road, Bridlington; Gary Pudsey, of Springfield Avenue, Bridlington; Lee Blewitt, of Howarth Walk, Bridlington; Michael Ratcliffe, of Hufton Drive, Marlepool, Heanor; Darren and Vicky Brunton, of Wiggeston Street, Burton on Trent; and David Potter, of Willingham Street, Grimsby.

A further three people face charges of violent disorder in connection with another incident in Nottingham on the day. They are Euan Bradshaw, of Park Avenue, Kirkby in Ashfield; Anthony Roy, of Arundel Drive, Mansfield; and Gordon Hyde, 47, of Woodborough Road, Mansfield.

east London the men who attacked two Newham Monitoring Project workers, who were investigating a racial harassment case in local housing, have also only received community service orders.

Last month *Searchlight* put the spotlight on nazis who sell London's local evening paper, the *Evening Standard*. In a joint effort to remove these thugs from the streets, Searchlight, trade unionists and the Anti Nazi League arranged to meet the paper's managers to inform them about just who represents the paper at street level. It is ironic that we have had to take these steps, considering that Derek Beackon assaulted a female journalist from the paper after his second council meeting.

It is not just Alan Thompson, pictured in last month's *Searchlight*, and some time ago Derek Beackon who have been working for the *Standard*. Robert Best, another BNP/Combat 18 activist, sells the paper outside Bond Street Tube station in London's West End.

Two men driving an *Evening Standard* delivery van were involved in a vicious attack on young Asians in east London recently. *Searchlight* has been told that a National Front member who was once active in the Lambeth branch might be on the crew of another van.

The BNP has boasted that it intends to stand 150 candidates in the local elections in London alone. It is hard to see how it will be able to do this in any meaningful way for sheer want of numbers.

But indications are that the BNP has been surveying the terrain in a number of areas where it will do no more than put some names on the ballot papers without carrying out any real campaigning. It will save all its troops for strategically placed seats in places like east London, where one large canvassing team can cover up to three wards.

BNP teams have been working hard in Derek Beackon's Millwall ward in Tower Hamlets at least three times a week, in the hope that the party will win the other two seats and thereby gain control of the area council, with its town hall and an annual budget that will rise to £23 million over the next few years.

But the BNP's chances received a setback with councillor Beackon's incompetent performance on the BBC's *First Sight*. One of the central planks of his platform is that people of Asian origin are getting council housing in preference to "locals". When the BBC's interviewer confronted him with the fact that Asians only got 21 per cent of council flats, he failed completely to understand, asking inanely, "21 per cent of what?" Asked about the prospect of businesses leaving the area if the BNP took control of the council, his only comment was: "I don't know".

Even if a fair number of people on the Isle of Dogs are racist and inclined to ignore the criminality of the BNP, the last thing they need is to be saddled with two more pillocks like Beackon.

As local anti-fascists are saying, those who want to give a protest vote to the BNP, because they misunderstand the housing figures, have to buy the whole package: the love of Hitler, violence, Holocaust denial, the works.

In nearby Bethnal Green and Poplar wards, the BNP has been fomenting violence to try and grab local headlines. They have stirred up local people to oppose an application for planning permission to build a mosque, claiming hypocritically that the presence of a mosque will lead to violence.

A few forays into Hackney with its large Afro-Caribbean population have clearly been intended to spark violence.

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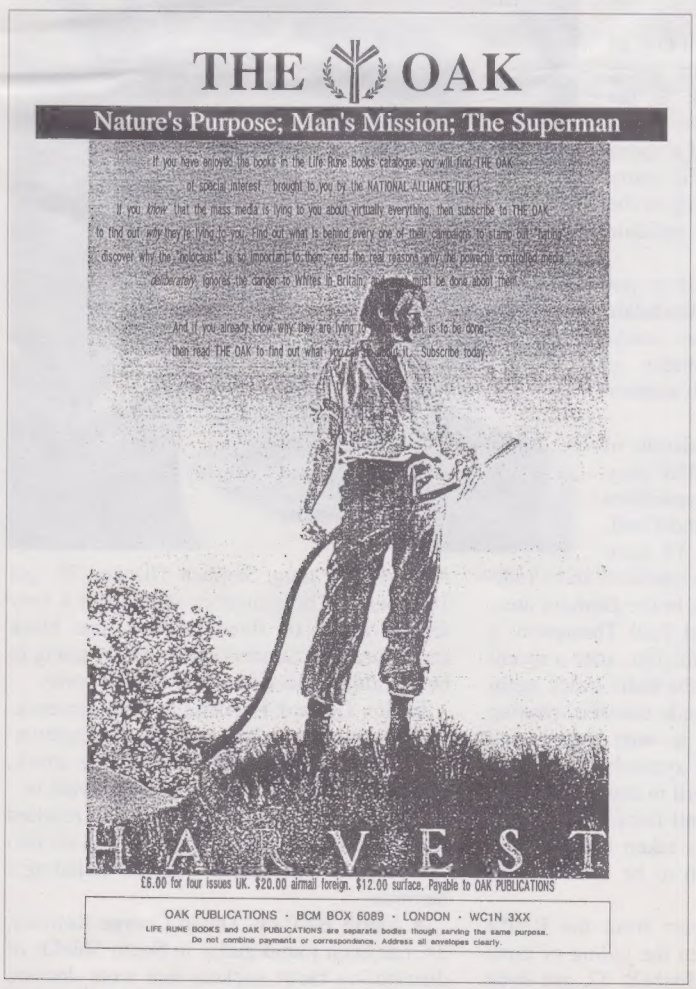
The TUC's march and rally in east London on 19 March delivered a massive no to racism. But people should be much more concerned with working hard at grass roots level in the period running up to the local elections and beyond them.

Police Commissioner Paul Condon voiced worries two weeks before the march that his officers had information that the "ultra left" were about to take the march over, like he claimed they had on the Welling march last October. Strangely, however, when senior

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NS Greetings,

Find enclosed some cash for the publication (all I've got at present), am looking forward to the forthcoming edition.

On a related issue, have you returned my article as I have not yet received it (I am also still awaiting the dues and membership card). TELL HIM TO WRITE AGAIN

On a positive note I am working at my 'other' project and have written to a fellow member recommending 'The Oak', hopefully I can start working toward building a network of well off sympathizers from whom we can screw some cash.

Incidentally, is the Combat 18 publication for members only, if not have you the address/subscription details? (I wish to see what John Tyndall is so scared of?!!!!). HOW SHOULD I KNOW? NO MENTION OF TIM! WAS MADE WHEN I MET HIM!

TUES PM

DEAR P.

HAVE HAD TO DO OAK AD IN RUSH, NOT SURE ABOUT IT, OR WHAT REPRODUCTION WILL BE LIKE.

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CAN YOU LET ME KNOW PRICE OF NVC'S? 2 LEFT OF # 14.

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NO TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE AT MOMENT

NSR

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February 17, 1994

Dear Mr. Young;

Thank you for your recent letter and enquiry of the National Alliance.

**Some of the documentation passing between Cato and Paul Jeffries. It includes a new advertisement for Cato's magazine The Oak, some of their work for the National Alliance UK, the sister organisation of Dr William Pierce's American hardline nazi group, and a brief note from Cato to Paul "Sid the Snake" Jeffries**

police officers were asked about this during a briefing meeting for stewards at the TUC headquarters eight days before the march, they admitted Condon had been wrong to say this, as no such information existed.

Successful community-level organisation exists in Newham, where the Churches and Newham Monitoring Project are campaigning hard against nazism and racism. In Barking and Dagenham the recently formed Barking and Dagenham Anti-Fascists (BADAF) has received widespread support from local trade unions, Churches, youth clubs and a wide range of political groups. Here nobody will have to be parachuted in to fight the nazis, it will be done at local level by local people.

As we go to press, indications are that the BNP will put up between 10 and 15 candidates in Tower Hamlets, concentrating on the Isle of Dogs, Bethnal Green and Poplar. In Newham, Custom House in Canning Town appears to be a target area for three more candidates, judging by the level of violence the BNP is dishing out there.

**Above: Chadwick Tasker & one of the Bellshaw brothers (with white tie) during one of their previous court appearances. Mad dog Tasker appears to have turned into a mad Hush Puppy. Chadwick's salute clearly shows his derision for the British legal system. Below: Bob Jarvis is expected to lead the BNP canvass teams again for Derek Beackon, but where does his true loyalty lie – with the BNP or Combat 18?**

Another five or six might stand in Barking and Dagenham. The party is almost certain to contest at least one seat in Camden, but in the wake of the conviction of UDA gun runner Frank Portinari, the nazis' local man in Camden, voters might not be too keen on voting BNP.

While Camden BNP branch was trying to decide who its candidate should be, Combat 18 was busy ringing the local fire brigade in the early hours of Saturday 12 March to report that C18 had achieved its mission of setting fire to a local travel agency. In fact the target, New Link, in Cromer Street, was not seriously damaged, because a passing police patrol spotted the fire, which appeared to have been started among cardboard boxes and rubbish piled up against the front of the building, and got it under control before the fire brigade arrived.

Combat 18 seemed to have no other reason for attacking the building other than the fact that New Link arranges flights to Bangladesh. Holborn police are investigating.

In Enfield, north London, one or maybe two BNP candidates might appear. The BNP has staged two noisy paper sales in both Enfield and nearby Waltham Cross in recent weeks. Students from the Middlesex University campus in Enfield have been active working against the nazis through their Anti Nazi League group.

The BNP has also been seen in Walthamstow and Chingford, so one or two candidates are probably being considered for Waltham Forest council. Eltham and other parts of Greenwich, in the area of the BNP headquarters, are also being targeted.

There is also the possibility of a couple of token seats being fought in west London, as the BNP has some muscle over there.

The BNP recently held a secret meeting in Reading. The party has little or no membership in the area, but might put up a candidate for show.

Ken Henderson intends to put up three candidates in Rochdale in Lancashire. Yorkshire could see three or four, probably in Wakefield or Batley with another in Dewsbury.

There is strong speculation in the Northeast that the BNP may be intending to put up candidates in South Shields or Sunderland. The BNP and Combat 18 have continued to attack trade unionists and a radical bookshop, Alley Cat, in the Durham area. Although police arrested Paul Thompson, a BNP member from Darlington, after a recent attack on the bookshop, the nazis struck again at the home of a local trade unionist, causing damage and daubing it with racist and Combat 18 slogans and symbols. Thompson appears in court on 6 April in connection with the first attack. Local anti-fascists are insisting that police action is taken against BNP activists who are known to be behind these activities.

The best news in years from the BNP's northeast region has been the jailing of three key BNP thugs. Gary Mitchell, 32, got three years to serve on top of the nine months he is already serving for an affray. Joining him with an identical sentence is Craig Bond, 27. A third BNP thug, Stephen Thacker, 26, got 18 months. The sentences stem from a very serious attack on three students, one black and two white. Sunderland is clearly going to be a healthier place for some time to come.

Justice Gerrard Harkins, passing sentence, said he was taking into account the aggravating feature of the racial nature of the attack, showing that judges can do it if they want to.

The earlier nine-month sentence resulted from an attack by Bond and Mitchell on two anti-fascists with various weapons including a hammer.

A fourth BNP rat, David George Rumney, 24, has been found guilty in South Shields of distributing racist stickers that were deemed to be inflammatory. He will not be sentenced until charges of assaulting a woman have been heard.

**Above: Looking over his master's shoulder, Bomber Lecomber with führer Tyndall. Left: Dave Etteridge, east London BNP activist, now busy fanning the flames of race hate**

In Billingham, David Draper, one of the leaders of a local nazi paramilitary group, will be in court again around Easter

The BNP will certainly want to keep up a show in the East Midlands, where it is very active and violent. Here operations will be under the command of John Peacock, well known for a bit of gun dealing and his extensive overseas nazi contacts

Moving south again, the BNP has been active in Bedford, Wellingborough and Northampton and might possibly find candidate to stand in one or more of these places.

In South Wales the press has reported death threats by nazis to local anti-fascists. This coincides with the likelihood of the BNP standing some candidates in the region. The Pure Violence Mob, a group of football hooligans who claim to support Cardiff City, seems to have clear links with the BNP.

The BNP's headquarters has been warning prospective candidates that in all but a few places they will not get the heavy mob in to look after them or to go out on the attack. These candidates may just campaign by means of letters to and interviews with the media.

The party leadership is under great pressure, with John Morse, the editor of *British Nationalist*, and Richard Edmonds, the national organiser, awaiting trial around May on serious charges. With them in court will be three other activists, including Simon Biggs who was at the spearhead of the mob leaning on voters in Millwall Ward, when Beackon won his seat.

The question everyone is asking is whether the BNP will fight in Redbridge, northeast London, as Tony Wells, alias Lecomber, the BNP's new Redbridge organiser, promised, or rather, threatened? Wells, recently released from prison from the second of two three year sentences for a bombing and an anti-Jewish assault, may not stand himself. But whoever does will face enormous opposition as the borough contains the largest Jewish population in western Europe and a large Asian community. Neither group is likely to tolerate these criminals disrupting local life.

The fight against the nazis of the BNP will be boosted, politically and morally, by the formation of a new umbrella group in the run-up to the May elections.

The United Campaign Against Racism has the backing of Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Hindu organisations. Ex-service groups, student organisations, parliamentarians and Searchlight have joined in this campaign to fight the nazi threat under a statement of common cause. The campaign's mission statement challenges not only racism as such, but also the threat certain groups pose to the democratic process in Britain. The aim of the statement is to encourage active support from the widest possible spectrum of society.

Information about the campaign's activities and publications is available from United Campaign Against Racism, London WC1H 0EZ, or from *Searchlight*.

The priority in the local elections must be to persuade as many voters as possible to turn out to vote. When Beackon was elected on the Isle of Dogs, more than 5,000 did not bother to caste their vote, allowing Beackon to scrape in by the narrowest of margins – seven votes.

Voters in areas where the nazis are standing should make sure that the BNP and any other fascist and racist candidates have complied fully with the Representation of the People Act. There have been countless cases in the past of nazi candidates bending, if not breaking, the rules.

More than 30 people signed statements to the effect that they were intimidated into not voting last September in Tower Hamlets. The police must ensure proper protection both on doorsteps when the nazis are out canvassing with their bully boys and at the polling stations themselves. Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, must also ensure that there is no repeat of the savage attacks on people outside the count after polling stations close.

While all eyes are on the election campaign, we should not overlook the nazis' non-electoral efforts. The *Evening Standard* and the *East Anglia Daily Times* reported on 4 and 5 March that police conducting large-scale drugs raids in Essex had searched a house at Grays and found sophisticated bomb making equipment, semi-automatic weapons and ammunition for machine guns. The house was also full of nazi material.

The owner of the house, who was described as a part-time soldier, was not at home and the police were reported to be looking for him. One officer told the *Evening Standard* that the raid may have prevented a tragedy on the scale of the Hungerford massacre of a few years ago. Oddly, however, the police said that the man they were seeking was not connected with any right-wing groups in the county or with any of the recent racist threats made to local people including a Chelmsford councillor.

*Searchlight* knows of one fanatical nazi who lives in Grays and has a long track record of membership for Combat 18 style outfits. We wait with interest to see whom the police charge.

The National Front has decided to put up at least one candidate for the European elections. He is Andy Carmichael, chair of the NF's West Midlands Council. He is a self-employed motor trader. Would you buy a used 1933 Euro-policy from this man?

If Eddy Whicker were still in NF circles, he might have stood for a Belfast seat for the UDA, but again perhaps not after his narrow squeak in a recent gun running case.

# Torture victim faces deportation

**A Ugandan woman who was raped and beaten by soldiers because of her political activities faces deportation from Britain.**

Juliette, a 31-year-old mother from eastern Uganda, has been seeking political asylum since she arrived here in December 1988. She was a civil servant and campaigned for democracy against the unelected regime of Lieutenant General Yoweri Museveni.

However, in December 1988 soldiers burst into her home and then raped and beat her in front of her son. After she had been detained for a week without trial, she managed to escape to Britain.

She is convinced that if she was to be returned to Uganda she would be killed.

A doctor from the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture, who examined her, said: "I have no doubt from her account and demeanour whilst giving it that she was beaten and raped as she claimed."

He appeal against deportation was turned down by the Special Adjudicator.

A spokesperson for the National Union of Refugee Organisations said that, in spite of the overwhelming evidence of Juliette's mistreatment in Uganda, there was no doubt she and her son "face deportation to the same country where they are likely to face similar life threatening treatment".

Another deportation fight is taking place in Dorset, where youth worker Philip Kamara faces deportation to Sierra Leone after losing a High Court battle to stay.

Mr Kamara entered the country illegally but, 18 months ago, married an English woman. The couple have a six-month-old son and Mrs Kamara needs medical treatment for epilepsy.

Philip Kamara works as a volunteer at Bridport Youth Centre. Arthur Woodgate, a full-time youth worker, said they would be "very sad to lose him. The young people like him and give him a great deal of respect."

The Prime Minister has been presented with a 800-strong petition asking that Mr Kamara be allowed to stay.

The matter is currently under consideration by the Prime Minister's office.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**● NO PROSECUTION OVER HATE MAIL**

**Northumbria Police have abandoned attempts to prosecute a man who allegedly distributed antisemitic hate mail in South Shields and Leeds.**

**A spokesman said that a man was interviewed and details were forwarded to the Crown Prosecution Service. But there was no realistic chance of securing a conviction.**

**Nigel Todd, a Newcastle Labour councillor and member of Tyne and Wear Anti-Fascist Association, condemned fascist attempts to cast doubt on the existence of Nazi death camps by distributing their newsletter *Holocaust News*.**

**He criticised the failure to prosecute and has urged the council's racial equality committee to push for a ban on fascist groups.**

**(*The Journal*, 2.3.94)**

**● RACIST FANS SENTENCED**

**Two Dunfermline football fans who chanted racial abuse at Falkirk's black player, Richard Cadette, have been sentenced.**

**Stephen Holland, 20, and Brian Paton, 18, were ordered to do 120 hours community service.**

**(*Guardian* 22.1.94)**

# Judges get race awareness training

**A two-year programme has been started to try to reduce racial bias among judges. The £1 million programme follows research which shows that black men are eight times more likely to be imprisoned than white men, while black women are 20 per cent more likely to be imprisoned than white women.**

There have been a number of cases in which judges have used offensive expressions. One judge, dealing with a credit card fraud, said: "This is the type of offence which is all too prevalent in the Nigerian community."

The briefing notes for the course that judges will attend warn judges against using expressions such as "working like a black" or "nigger in the woodpile". The judges are told that black people do not like being called "coloured" and that people from other religions may be offended if their first names are described as "Christian" names.

Particular kinds of bias covered by the course include speaking of all Nigerians or Chinese as if they were the same.

The judges are told that a patronising attitude is conveyed by phrases such as "you people must realise" or referring to the "way we do things in this country".

Particular ethnic groups should not be singled out as having specific criminal involvement through the use of phrases such as "black muggers" or "black crime".

The aim of the course, which is to be run at various places around the country, is to help judges identify how and why black people are treated less favourably in court.

However, Lincoln Crawford, a member of the Bar Council and a former commissioner of the Commission for Racial Equality, says that some judges are refusing to take part in the training.

Writing in *Counsel*, the Bar journal, Mr Crawford says the reasons include a belief among some judges that they are fair and do not need the training, and that black and and Asian people should take the British legal system as they find it.

Mr Crawford also calls for more black and Asian judges, magistrates and industrial tribunal chairmen.

Recent research has shown that members of the working class are greatly underrepresented among magistrates, while supporters of the Conservative Party are greatly overrepresented.

**People in Nottingham protest against racist attacks following the nazi attack on Nottingham's Mushroom bookshop. The demonstration, which had the support of several organisations, took place on 26 February.**

**A group of skinheads associated with Blood and Honour attacked Mushroom bookshop on 15 January, injuring four people and causing £10,000 of damage to equipment and windows. Police arrested 32 fascists, who were released on police bail pending a decision on charges in mid March (see page 4).**

**Security has been stepped up and messages of support have flooded in from customers and the book trade. Because of the attack, local fascists have lost the use of the Red Lion pub in Heanor and the Alexandra Social Club in Sandiacre**

# Asylum-seekers freed after hunger strike

**Ten men, who were detained in the notorious Pentonville Prison after seeking political asylum in Britain, have won their freedom by going on hunger strike.**

The ten, nine from Algeria and one from Chad, went on hunger strike on 31 January in protest against their treatment and living conditions. The Home Office has granted temporary admission while their cases are examined. They were released on 11 February, hours after 200 people demonstration outside the prison, supported by the Campaign Against Immigration Act Detentions.

CAIAD is campaigning to abolish the powers of the government to detain refugees and asylum-seekers without charge.

It says refugees detained in prison suffer racial abuse from prison officers and fellow inmates and have to share cells with convicted prisoners. Detainees can be held indefinitely until they are deported and are not told of their right to see a solicitor.

Pentonville prison currently contains about 50 asylum-seekers, but every year thousands are detained in prisons and detention centres in Britain.

In October 1991, Omasase Lumumba, a political refugee from Zaire, was killed while being "restrained" by up to eight prison officers in Pentonville. An inquest jury found that Mr Lumumba had been unlawfully killed, but no prison officer was ever charged

# Sheffield says no to racism

**A new anti-fascist group in Sheffield has brought together a broad spectrum of local organisations and individuals to defeat the menace of racism locally and nationally.**

Sheffield Against Racism and Fascism (SARF) is supported by trade unions, black groups and activists, women's groups, local student unions, the Race Equality Council and Sheffield Anti Nazi League.

SARF is appealing for sponsorship and support for a march, rally and social event, under the slogan "Sheffield says no to racism", to be held in Sheffield on Saturday 30 April. A series of local meetings will be held in the run-up to the demonstration.

SARF can be contacted at Sheffield College Students Union, Granville Road, Sheffield S2 2RL.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

● **BOYS SUE POLICE**

**Two deaf black boys, aged 13, were accused by police of attempted burglary, arrested and detained in police cells.**

**The boys, now young men aged 18 and 19, claim that the police then made up a confession. Roger Husbands, of Totten-ham, and Michael Slack, of Edmonton, are suing the Metropolitan police for wrongful arrest.**
**(*Times* 8.2.94)**

● **130,000 RACIST ATTACKS**

**There are 130,000 racially motivated criminal incidents a year in Britain, according to an official report. This is 16 times as many as the 7,800 reported to the police.**

**The analysis of the British Crime Survey data gives a breakdown of types of incident. A quarter (32,500) were assaults; two fifths (52,000) were threats; and one fifth (26,000) were vandalism.**

**The research gives the lie to previous claims by Home Office ministers that most incidents are low level harassment.**

**Nearly one in five Asians living in inner city areas felt that racial attacks are a "very big" or "fairly big" problem. (Source: *Racially motivated crime: a British Crime Survey analysis*. Research and Plan-ning Unit Paper 82, The Home Office.)**

# Gardner report is a damp squib

**The report by the inquiry into the death of Joy Gardner, who died as the result of a botched forcible deportation, is out at last. But it fails to come to any firm conclusions, and has led to renewed calls for a public inquiry.**

**Bernie Grant MP, commenting on the report, said: "It is absolutely important to get to the bottom of these issues."**

**The report, commissioned by the Police Complaints Authority, has been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service for them to consider possible charges against the police officers involved.**

**Charges seem unlikely, bearing in mind the failure of seven pathologists to agree on the cause of death, and the usual CPS reluctance to charge police officers unless there is a cast iron case. The pathologists were unable to agree whether Joy Gardner died of suffocation as a result of the gag, or from a blow to the head.**

**Three officers from Scotland Yard's deportation unit had been suspended pending the result of the inquiry.**

**Metropolitan Police Commissioner Paul Condon has said that unless "clear evidence of any impropriety or excessive force emerges from the PCA investigation into Mrs Gardner's death, all three would be reinstated."**

**Mike Bennett, chair of the Metropolitan branch of the Police Federation, has suggested that gas guns or gas sprays could be used in future "potentially violent" deportations.**

**William McCall, a member of the PCA, is considering sending an independent report to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, dealing with how immigration deportations are carried out.**

## THE JOY GARDNER CAMPAIGN
## Information Bulletin

**Joy Gardner was killed when Police and Immigration Officials came to her home on 28th July 1993. We want the truth about her death.**

ABOVE: Members of Joy Gardner's family including her five year old son Graeme and mother Myrna Simpson join Tottenham MP Bernie Grant outside the Home Office. RIGHT: Joy Gardner

"There has been enormous public outrage over the death of Joy Gardner. At the moment all enquiries are being conducted behind closed doors. We feel that only a public enquiry will answer all the questions in people's minds... they want to know what is being done in their name."

Bernie Grant MP

### WHO WAS JOY GARDNER?

Joy Gardner was born in Long Bay, Jamaica in 1953. She had worked as a Civil Servant, before coming to Britain as a visitor in 1987. Her elder daughter Lisa now 19, remained in Jamaica, and her mother regularly sent her home money. Her 5 year old son Graeme was born in Britain, and she had numerous members of her family here, in London, Birmingham, and Leicester. Joy wanted to become a journalist and had begun a degree course in media studies at Guildhall University last year.

Myrna Simpson, Joy's mother, remembers: 'Joy was always a very hard working girl, who was determined to do her best for her children. She lived for her children, and only wanted to make a good life for them. She was a loving mother and a devoted member of the Methodist Church. My abiding memory of her is that she was always helping people. We miss her terribly, and still can't quite believe that she lost her life in this terrible way. The Police killed my daughter. They went in with vengeance in their hearts. It's one law for black and another for white...'

**WHY DID SHE DIE ?**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

● **ASHWORTH SCAPEGOATING**

**A woman who helped to expose incompetence and racism at Ashworth secure mental hospital has been sacked from her post.**

**Sue Machin, a senior social worker at Ashworth, has been accused of "gross misconduct".**

**Her evidence, along with that of four other staff, led to the Blom–Cooper inquiry. Its scathing report disclosed that fascist literature from the British National Party had been distributed at Ashworth.**

**Black people are overrepresented at Ashworth and at the two other special hospitals, Broadmoor and Rampton.**

**Machin has been accused of helping a patient get a catalogue of electronic listening devices.**

**She denies the allegation and has lodged an internal appeal against the decision to dismiss her.**

**Ms Machin has suffered a nervous breakdown, due to the pressures she has been under, but has said she will take her case to an industrial tribunal if the internal appeal fails.**
**(*Journal* 24.2.94)**

# NF youths wreck school

**A school in Bristol has suffered constant vandalism from a group of "disaffected" teenagers. In one incident, the caretaker's bungalow at Lockleaze Comprehensive School was smashed up and daubed with National Front slogans.**

The caretaker, Vince Clutterbuck, has now resigned following an incident during which three youths drove a car at him on school premises.

He said the youths then deliberately drove into a car in which his wife, sister and baby niece were waiting.

The attack on the bungalow occurred before Mr Clutterbuck was appointed, but since then there have been up to five break-ins a week at the school and hundreds of windows have been smashed.

Head teacher Ray Lockey blamed the trouble on a "hard core" of five youngsters, some of whom were former pupils.

He said they were "very disaffected youngsters" with no support from home.

Police complained of lack of evidence.

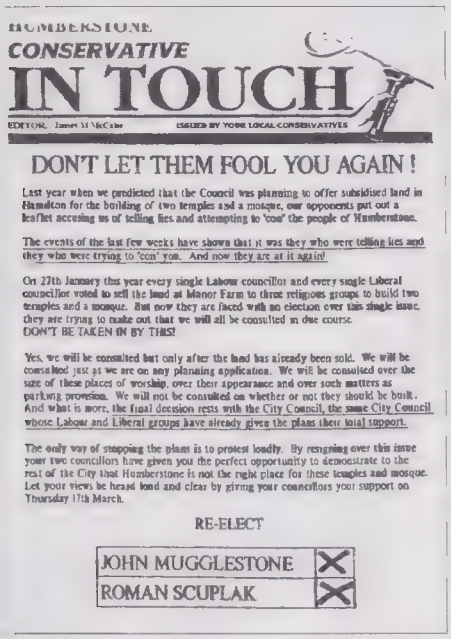
# Nazis warned out of schools

**Humberside council has warned far-right activists to stay away from local schools. The call came after two teachers were allegedly targeted by extremists after they took part in an anti-Nazi rally.**

Humberside council has a policy, agreed in 1990, not to let any county council property to racist organisations. Banned groups include the British National Party, the British Movement, the League of St George and the National Front.

Councillor Charles Cracknell, vice-chair of the country's education committee, said there was no evidence that extremists were infiltrating schools. However, he continued: "I fully share the teachers' concerns that the fascist right poses a potentially evil menace.

"There are a number of abhorrent organisations peddling racist messages which could easily influence impressionable young people unless those in responsibility exercise extreme vigilance."



HUMBERSTONE
CONSERVATIVE
IN TOUCH
EDITOR: James M McCabe ISSUED BY YOUR LOCAL CONSERVATIVES

DON'T LET THEM FOOL YOU AGAIN !

Last year when we predicted that the Council was planning to offer subsidised land in Hamilton for the building of two temples and a mosque, our opponents put out a leaflet accusing us of telling lies and attempting to "con" the people of Humberstone.

The events of the last few weeks have shown that it was they who were telling lies and they who were trying to "con" you. And now they are at it again!

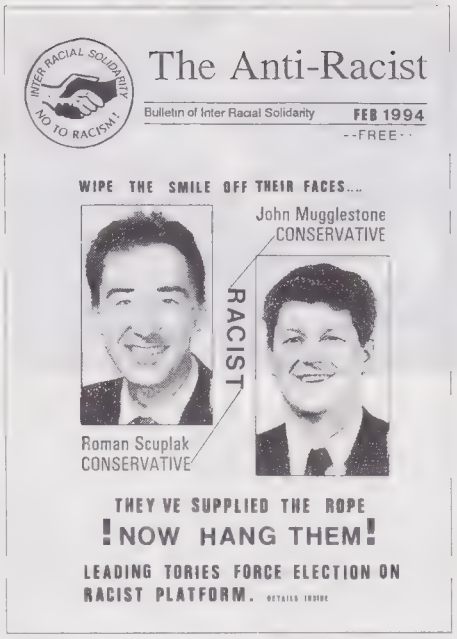
On 27th January this year every single Labour councillor and every single Liberal councillor voted to sell the land at Manor Farm to three religious groups to build two temples and a mosque. But now they are faced with an election over this single issue, they are trying to make out that we will all be consulted in due course.
DON'T BE TAKEN IN BY THIS!

Yes, we will be consulted but only after the land has already been sold. We will be consulted just as we are on any planning application. We will be consulted over the size of these places of worship, over their appearance and over such matters as parking provision. We will not be consulted on whether or not they should be built. And what is more, the final decision rests with the City Council, the same City Council whose Labour and Liberal groups have already given the plans their total support.

The only way of stopping the plans is to protest loudly. By resigning over this issue your two councillors have given you the perfect opportunity to demonstrate to the rest of the City that Humberstone is not the right place for these temples and mosque. Let your views be heard loud and clear by giving your councillors your support on Thursday 17th March.

RE-ELECT

JOHN MUGGLESTONE ☒
ROMAN SCUPLAK ☒



The Anti-Racist
Bulletin of Inter Racial Solidarity FEB 1994
--FREE--

WIPE THE SMILE OFF THEIR FACES....

John Mugglestone
CONSERVATIVE

RACIST

Roman Scuplak
CONSERVATIVE

THEY VE SUPPLIED THE ROPE
! NOW HANG THEM !

LEADING TORIES FORCE ELECTION ON RACIST PLATFORM. DETAILS INSIDE

**Two Leicester Conservative councillors, who resigned over council plans to sell land at half price for two temples and a mosque, have won a by-election with a large majority. Roman Scuplak and John Mugglestone stood for re-election in Humberstone ward in a by-election on 17 March and made the issue the centre of their campaign. Inter Racial Solidarity, the local anti-racist organisation, pointed out that Humberstone Conservatives had been whipping up racism in their area for several months. The Conservatives denied any racist intent, saying that they only wanted places of worship to be for local people**

# Spy cameras hunt racists

**A video camera scheme has been set up in Leicester to try and catch racist thugs. Residents in the Beaumont Leys, Stocking Farm, Mownacre and Abbey Rise areas can ask for the installation of video cameras if they are suffering from racist attacks.**

Leicester Safer Cities Campaign set up the scheme with the support of the city council and the police. Inspector Peter Bruton, of Beaumont Leys police, said racial incidents in the sub division were running at two a week. "We hope the knowledge that video equipment is being used to identify offenders will deter them, provide evidence to assist in prosecutions and reassure tenants."

The video camera scheme is the first of its kind in the country and follows an earlier scheme which provided special alarms, linked to the council's emergency alarm control room.

A 50 per cent rise in racist attacks in Leicester last year prompted the formation of a local Anti Racist Alliance group in February. Over 100 people representing 20 organisations, including the Indian Workers Association and the TUC, met in Highfields Community Centre on 6 February.

Sital Singh Gill, who was voted the secretary of the Leicester ARA, said: "The aims and objectives of the alliance are to oppose racism and fascism by all means possible in a democratic society by building the widest alliance possible, bringing together black and white people who are opposed to racism and fascism."

# Race attacks lead to school apartheid

**Violent racist attacks on school children in Tower Hamlets have led to the transfer of more and more Asian pupils to schools where Asians are in the majority.**

George Green Comprehensive School, where Asian youngsters are in a minority of 29 per cent, has seen a number of attacks. Eight recent assaults, carried out by fellow pupils, were so serious that they led to criminal proceedings.

Police say that racist attacks have increased by 300 per cent since Derek Beackon won his council seat on the Isle of Dogs for the British National Party.

The attacks have created a climate of fear in which Asian pupils are afraid to stay behind at school for extra curricular activities. Adults have been afraid to attend parents evenings.

The attacks take place after school and teachers and police have started patrolling the area outside the school.

This is still not enough. Kumar Murshid, chair of the Tower Hamlets anti-racist committee, said: "The education of these children is being severely disrupted, and the school has not been able to do anything about it.

"There is effectively an apartheid in the school system and this kind of polarisation is the last thing we needed. It exaggerated the whole divide and makes peaceful existence that much harder."

# NEWS IN BRIEF

● **ASIAN WORKERS COMPENSATED**

**Seventeen Asian workers, who had been disciplined by their employers for taking time off to celebrate the religious festival of Eid, have each been awarded £1,000 compensation.**

**A Leeds industrial tribunal had ruled last November that the men had been the victimes of racial discrimination. On 17 February the level of compensation was decided.**

**Fraser Younson, representing J H Walker of Dewsbury, asked the tribunal to award between £50 and £100 compensation.**

**Zafar Iqbal, representing the men, argued that a low award might trivialise the matter.**

**Afterwards, he said: "I am sure my clients are going to be happy with it. It was a matter of principle."**

**The company is planning to appeal against the awards to the Employment Appeals Tribunal.**
**(*Guardian* 18.2.94, *Independent* 18.2.94)**

● **VAZ BILL PASSED**

**A bill introduced by Labour MP Keith Vaz to abolish the £11,000 ceiling on industrial tribunal awards in race discrimination cases has been passed by the House of Commons.**

**The Race Relations (Remedies) Bill won the support of the government and the bill was also backed by the TUC, the CBI and the Commission for Racial Equality.**

**The bill still has to be passed by the Lords, but is set to become law.**

**The change follows a European Court ruling last year which abolished the limit on awards that could be made in sex discrimination cases.**

**The government acted to remove the limit on awards in sex discrimination cases, but not with regard to racial discrimination.**

**Mr Vaz commented: "This bill will bring justice to thousands of people currently held back by this artificial limit."**
**(*Voice* 15.2.94, *Morning Star* 19.2.94)**

● **SWASTIKA WALL DEMOLISHED**

**A seven foot high wall, decorated with a swastika-like symbol, has finally been demolished.**

**Gerald Gillett, a builder, put up the wall around his caravan in Fylde.**

**Gillett, 69, was jailed for six months in December for contempt of court, after refusing to comply with court orders.**

**On 14 February council contractors moved in and demolished the wall with a bulldozer.**

**Fylde council leader John Tavernor said: "The swastika caused a lot of upset especially in the Jewish fraternity. I just hope we have seen an end to it all and we can get the site spruced up."**
**(*Evening Gazette* 14.2.94, 15.2.94)**

# HILL STREET NEWS

**Hill Street News is a column, written in his own inimitable style, by Ray Hill, who was Searchlight's mole inside the leadership of the British nazi right and the neo-nazi European terror networks in the 1970s and 1980s.**

While the British National Party has been grabbing most of the media coverage of nazis for the May local government elections, a couple of other groups have also put their heads over the parapet.

One is the National Front, which may well contest a handful of seats. Ian Anderson, its lacklustre leader, has been seen flitting in and out of some of the areas in east and west London where the BNP is standing. Obviously anti-nazis would welcome such an intervention as it would split the racist vote and, if the recent past is anything to go by, cause a certain level of physical activity between the opposing groups. Stories persist that a key NF member was caught with guns in his car. All we are hearing is rumour; are there any hard facts out there?

Patrick Harrington, leader of the tiny Third Way group, was recently said to be looking for a university to take him in to do a Masters degree. I heard he had no luck up in Scotland. Maybe he will find somewhere closer to home.

His mini henchman Graham Williamson has been promoting a candidate for the European Parliament election in east London. The candidate chosen will havee Dave Durrant as his agent. He is a long-time heavy from the old NF and later one of Harrington's Third Way political soldiers.

People living the Havering area should look out to see who the Elm Park Residents' Association is fielding on 5 May and who is sponsoring the candidates. Could Mr Williamson have a hand in it.

I see that Compendium Books is still selling *Green Anarchist* and at least one of the publications backed by Harrington's Trans-Europa Group, a collection of like-minded dolts from around Europe with a growing interest in the former Soviet bloc.

A member of staff at Compendium accused us of being snide for complaining in Searchlight about the shop stocking such trash. Considering people had complained three times to the shop before I wrote the piece, to no avail, I think the complaint was fully justified. Unfortunately I now find myself having to widen the net after a recent issue of *New Statesman and Society* carried an advertisement for the Trans-Europa outfit.

The group's publication, *Perspectives*, is enough to bore the pants off most readers, but it is evidence of the growing overlap between some quasi green and anarchist outfits and the new right, both in Britain and in Italy, Belgium and France, as well as such groups now emerging in Russia and the Ukraine.

Something odd is going on at the Beeb. I was recently interviewed for the BBC programme *First Sight*, which is broadcast in southeast England. I thought it did a reasonable job overall of showing up the BNP. However staff on the programme appeared terrified that they would get into trouble if they said too much about the criminality of the people running the BNP. So while they were cutting out great chunks of my interview where I listed the BNP leaders' criminal records, *BBC South East News* really turned over "Bomber Lecomber", as Tony Wells was described in the programme. Showing this unreconstructed terrorist in full rant, the programme described his convictions and did not fail to mention the fact that Richard Edmonds, the BNP's national organiser, was awaiting trial on a violent disorder charge. The fact is that the BBC's hierarchy know full well that in cases like this they have every right to claim that mentioning these facts is in the public interest, as the BNP is putting its candidates up for election and hiding their crimes behind so called law and order campaigns. Maybe *First Sight* should be renamed short sight.

Another BBC programme, *Around Westminster*, interviewed *Searchlight*'s editor Gerry Gable recently. His contribution on the BNP appears to have gone down very well with viewers and two weeks later the programme telephoned him and asked him if he would appear again. "What is the structure of the programme," Gerry asks. "Oh, it's a debate," comes the reply. "With whom?" "A member of the BNP," says the caller. "Do me a favour," says Gerry, "no way". "Aha," says BBC caller, "Is it because you do not wish to give them credibility?" "No, it's because I don't sit in studios with criminals, particularly violent ones."

Readers have been asking how the BNP manages to be so well informed about what is going on in east London colleges. Well, the party has at least one mature student on the Whitechapel campus of City University, the BNP's rising star of a press officer, Michael Newlands, who lives in Kentish Town, Camden. We are sure students will know him on sight after his recent television appearances.

Newlands's main problem appears to be his dislike of women, which from his writings appears to be almost obsessive.

The letters page of the *Sunday Telegraph* is one of the few places in the national press where racists and fascists, often BNP members, can get their letters into print. Maybe it's something to do with the Telegraph being slap bang in the middle of Millwall ward, where Derek Beackon got elected for the BNP last September. One letter, from a R Tingey in London E9, was as ignorant as it was prejudiced, but another missive brought a real blast

**Left: BNP boss John Tyndall, then leader of the National Front, who appears to have hijacked the NF and hidden the whole of it in his double chin. With him is Andrew Fontaine before they fell out over who should be leader. Below right: All bluster and bull-horn, Tyndall marches in step with Ray Hill (right) in his days as a Searchlight mole. Below left: Not a mouthful of mad cow disease, we hope: Michael Newlands, the BNP's new press officer and City University student**

from the past. On 27 February a letter appeared from one John Bean, who now lives in retirement in the beautiful Suffolk village of Wickhambrook. Bean claimed that if you keep telling "indigenous working folk" (such quaint language) that if they oppose immigration they are also supporting nazi extermination methods, eventually they will say "what the hell" and vote for extremists, some of whom are nazis. Was this not what happened last year on the Isle of Dogs?

How strange. Bean was the national organiser of the original BNP from 1960 until it became part of the newly formed National Front in January 1967. He also edited its paper *Combat*, one of the best publications ever turned out on the far right. Bean, then an editor of a commercial magazine for the paint industry, wrote with both wit and hate. He was also one of the best street speakers the British far right had after Mosley.

His downfall came about because of Tyndall's ambition to be boss of the NF and stories that his family circle had been infiltrated by an intelligence service officer.

Like many on the far right in those days, Bean started life in the League of Empire Loyalists. He then ran the National Labour Party with Andrew Fontaine, a wealthy East Anglian landowner and former Tory party candidate. Fontaine too fell foul of the jumped up "wannabe" from south London, John Tyndall.

In those days you knew exactly where you stood with Britain's nazis, whoops sorry, they liked to be called racial nationalists. They hated everybody from Jews to blacks and even London's Cypriot community suffered from them.

Possibly their main claim to fame was helping James Earl Ray, the killer of the American black leader Martin Luther King, when he was on the run in Britain. They had some of the hardest men on the British nazi scene in the early 1960s but after a massive defeat in a street battle in Hackney, which became known as the Battle of Balls Pond Road, they never really got their street cred back.

Does the editor of the *Sunday Telegraph* letters page ever check on people who write in or does he just like to offend his readers.

I have heard from two parts of the country about the fascist connections of a group calling itself the Campaign for an Independent Britain (CIB), run by Dr Alan Sked of the London School of Economics. It appears to have taken on board various active BNP members or former members of the NF. In Torbay the local representative is Keith Jowsey, a one-time leading light in the NF in the Midlands. In Blackburn the local press reported that a man was sent an envelope containing a letter asking him to join the CIB together with racist BNP material. The local organiser of the CIB, Ms Gill Bush, disclaimed any knowledge of how these items came to be in the same envelope. The mystery deepened as the envelope was a freepost one from the local electricity company, NORWEB. NORWEB and the Post Office are investigating.

How time flies. It was ten years ago last month that I made public the fact that I had been a *Searchlight* mole for several years inside the nazi right in Britain and South Africa. The story was splashed across the *News of the World* and the *Searchlight* co-production of an 80-minute documentary for the then new Channel Four put my family and me in the firing line.

Ten years on our children are grown-up, I have made a new life and have been proud and happy to have been given the opportunity to write this column every month as well as to speak to thousands of mainly young people every year to warn them against the dangers of racism and nazism and tell them about their responsibility as citizens to resist these dangers at every turn.

# Still fighting ten years on

**Ray Hill complained lightheartedly in his book, *The Other Face of Terror*, that I asked him to work with us for a few weeks, which became a few months and eventually ended up being more than five years. But he then came out with a bang in 1984.**

**Well you old sod, ten years later you're still on the team and, with love and respect to you and your family, we hope you will be around for at least ten more in the fight against the evils of racism and fascism. Salud to you, Ray, from everyone at *Searchlight* and our thousands of readers around the world.**

*The decision to hold an England versus Germany football match on Hitler's birthday has catapulted the prospect of nazi-inspired football violence back onto the agenda.* Searchlight *examines what effect the arrival of Combat 18 has had on football hooliganism and looks at what can be expected when British and German nazi thugs meet.*

# FOOTBALL CRAZY

It is often said that the football authorities bear little relation to the real world, disregard the opinions of ordinary fans and are only concerned with commercial profit. Now sanity has really been thrown out of the window with the decision to hold a Germany versus England football match on 20 April, the anniversary of Hitler's birth.

The prospect for violence and mayhem is a serious one, because it is not only the rival hooligan gangs that are organising for it but also the fascists. The likelihood of injury to black and other innocent people has been heightened with the arrival on the hooligan scene of Combat 18.

The match was originally scheduled for Munich, until the prospect for violence in the heartland of German nazism caused such an outcry that the game was transferred to Hamburg. Fearing similar mayhem and faced with widespread local opposition, the local Office for the Protection of the Constitution urged its cancellation.

This seemed the end of the matter, until Eberhard Diepgen, the mayor of Berlin, insisted on his city holding the game. Not only will it proceed on the anniversary of Hitler's birth, but it is also due to be played at either the Olympic stadium or the former Reich sports field, both of which were built under Hitler's instructions.

The official German attitude is to support the fixture and at the same time whip up fears of left-wing violence. The authorities seem unperturbed at the prospect of neo-nazis and hooligans using the event as an excuse for riots and political propaganda, but bogus stories have been circulating claiming that anti-fascists were planning widespread violence to coincide with the game.

In Britain the reaction of the authorities has been unsurprisingly pathetic. The Football Association has complained about mixing politics with sport, while insisting that this "friendly" must go ahead regardless. The police meekly claim that they are in control of the situation and are fully aware of everyone's intentions. So the game goes ahead despite protests and warnings.

Combat 18 emerged on the hooligan scene at the World Cup qualifying match at Wembley between England and Holland. Before the game they attacked black English fans and as the match kicked off they led the "sieg heiling" among a section of the crowd. One supporter later commented that it was more reminiscent of a Nuremberg rally than an England football match. After the game and seemingly more for publicity's sake they led an attempted charge at the visiting Dutch fans.

## C18 on tour

Bypassing the club scene, C18 re-emerged in Europe last summer as England toured Poland and Norway in their failed World Cub bid. Obviously believing Poland was too insignificant for them, a group of 20 to 25 connected up with the returning English fans in Berlin before heading north to Norway. Retelling the exploits of the German far right, they boasted that they would soon be doing the same in Britain. Alongside their "lectures", they distributed leaflets promoting themselves, though interestingly with no mention of the BNP.

Arriving in Norway C18 members soon set about causing mayhem, instigating trouble at the Paleet bar in Oslo. The result was £100,000 damage, a hospitalised Norwegian who was thrown through a window, and 73 arrests. While they were obviously not the only ones causing the trouble, it was they who started it. A few were arrested but as with all those picked up in Norway, they were later released without prosecution.

Football hooligans are an obvious target for C18 and the far right. Young men holding distinct tribal loyalties with contempt and hatred for others, coupled with an underpinning quest for violence, provide a perfect breeding ground. While the current wave of football hooliganism dates back to the mid 1960s, fascist involvement on an organised level has been more recent.

It was the decline of the National Front in 1979 that signalled a reversal in strategy, away from the ballot box and onto the street. The 1979/80 season witnessed a concerted effort by the NF and British Movement to recruit out of football. Terraces were showered with fascist propaganda while during games they attempted to incite racial hatred amongst the fans. All this was part of a coordinated plan, as Derek Holland wrote in 1979, "for the control of the hearts and minds of British youth".

Most clubs around the country were targeted in a concerted campaign by the fascists, with some degree of success. London clubs such as Chelsea, West Ham and Millwall gained the unenviable reputation of racism among large sections of its fans. Further north, Leeds, Newcastle and Glasgow Rangers developed similarly.

The fascists also organised on the hooligan front, which in the late 1970s and early 1980s was a widespread phenomenon, and soon influenced gangs attached to particular clubs. This was spurred on in the pages of the paper of the Young National Front, *Bulldog*, which ran a "League of Louts" table. When police launched their hooligan crackdown in the

**Chelsea Headhunters and other nazi football hooligans before Combat 18 appeared on the scene**

wake of the Heysel stadium disaster, it came as no surprise to see many NF supporters among those arrested.

One of the most notorious racist football firms was the Chelsea Headhunters, led by the self confessed fascist Steven Hickmott. Another leading member of the gang was Chris "Chubby" Henderson, a singer with the nazi skinhead band Combat 84. Raids rounding up hooligans following West Ham Leeds, Wolverhampton and Bolton all revealed strong fascist connections.

England's away games have always proved irresistible for the far right. Jingoism, nationalism and universal hatred towards others perpetrated especially by the hooligan element have been eagerly manipulated by the fascists. Racial taunts and attacks and the glorification of everything English are a central component of the English hooligan abroad.

The far right has been less successful in recruiting around football in recent times. This has largely been the result of excellent work by ordinary football fans themselves. The emergence of the fanzine and increased supporter participation have altered the culture in grounds around the country.

In areas where fascist involvement and racist chanting were common features, fans themselves have fought back. At Leeds United's Elland Road, racism and racist chanting were depressingly common among large segments of the crowd. A campaign uniting the trades council, Leeds Anti Fascist Action and supporters themselves did much to turn things around. Similar successes have been seen at Newcastle.

The increase in the number of black players has also contributed to the decline in mass racist chanting. A quarter of professional footballers are now black and most teams have at least one black player. But racism is still a problem in in many grounds and this is reflected by the fact that less than one per cent of supporters are black or Asian.

## Recruiting difficulties

Fascists have also experienced increased difficulty in recruiting from among the hooligan "crews" over the past few years. This has partly been a result of the altered priorities of the fascists themselves, but much stems from the changing nature of football hooliganism.

Because of a change in the culture of football supporters and the police crackdown in the mid to late 1980s, the gangs themselves have evolved. Gone are the large infamous crews of the early 1980s, the Leeds Service Crew, Chelsea Headhunters, etc, which could mobilise hundreds for a big game. They have been replaced by much smaller, tightly knit gangs, incredibly well organised and violent. Many of the big clubs which were represented by one large "crew" now have two or three, often violently opposed to one another.

Operating outside the "normal" football arena, fights between rival firms often take place away from the ground or in a town centre during the game. While a racist undertone among many hooligans does exist, most prefer not to get involved in politics or at least remain apart from the "middle-aged train spotter" type or the skinhead "selling papers". Another development in recent years has been the increase in black men participating in football hooliganism. While this is predominantly at club level, there are now several "interracial" firms, including one at Chelsea.

C18's involvement has signalled a return to the type of fascist street violence seen in 1979/80. The way they organise has marked a departure from previous recruiting attempts. By not aligning themselves at a club level but on an England level, they operate as a distinct football firm like any other.

Not being skinheads, or the middle-aged train spotter type, they have had some limited success in relating to and organising among other hooligans. This was particularly the case after England's away game in Norway, where they eventually headed a much bigger firm.

**How's that for a bit of disrespect? Charlie Sargent of C18 sports a Hitler T-shirt showing the führer in football kit**

One success for the fascists has been the Mansfield Shady Express (MSE). The MSE follow Mansfield Town football club, and replaced the notorious "Carrot Crew". Over the past couple of years they have been involved in several serious clashes with rival Midland gangs, especially the Spireites from Chesterfield. As well as their football activities they are also heavily involved with criminal activity in the Nottinghamshire area.

A connection between C18 and the MSE should come as no surprise as one of MSE's leading members is Tim Kowchuk, a local BNP activist. Kowchuk was formerly involved with the now defunct Notts Warriors Scooter Club, which was influenced by Blood and Honour. MSE have provided security at recent Blood and Honour gigs in the area.

Despite their relative success over the past year, C18's image has been dented in the past six months. Firstly they promised and later boasted about trouble in Holland in October. But according to fans on the ground they were nowhere to be seen, at least not with the other hooligans. Then came their much publicised humiliation at the recent Blood and Honour gig. Word has been spreading among football fans around the country that C18 fled in the face of anti-fascist opposition. How the English fans travelling to Germany will view the Hitler lovers of C18 is awaited with interest.

British thugs are certainly not the only ones preparing for 20 April. In Germany hooligans and fascists are mobilising their supporters to the extent that one nazi fanzine is describing the match as the "battle of the century".

The information telephone network, used by anti-antifa in its violent campaign against the anti-fascist movement, has been producing regular bulletins and encouraging all supporters to attend the match.

German fascists have been targeting football fans and hooligans, though they too have had mixed results. The conservative and nationalistic culture among German youth has enabled them to become a breeding ground for the right and certainly at some clubs there are strong right-wing followings.

The fascists have had more difficulty recruiting at club level among the organised hooligan gangs. Like in Britain, the gangs are tightly knit and highly organised, most not interested in party politics or too ill-disciplined for the fascist groups. Furthermore some "firms" have an anti-fascist reputation and have been involved in clashes with the far right, as has been the case in Düsseldorf, Frankfurt and Schalke 04.

The fascists have had far greater success in influencing hooligans on a national level. Obviously "nationalism" gains a greater significance and this, coupled with strongly racist sentiments among many hooligans, makes them a target for the right. The racist views of many hooligans can best be illustrated through the growth of *Fan Treff*, a national journal for hooligans. Thoroughly racist, it currently has a circulation of 10,000.

The prospects for Berlin are bleak. Mass trouble, fascist propaganda, attacks on immigrants and a state crackdown on the left are assured. As for C18, it is not plain sailing. They face the dilemma that not attending would damage their reputation while to do so would force them to confront their racial brothers in Germany. Whilst English hooligans are baying for the blood of their long-time enemies, C18, who have already lost a considerable amount of goodwill among the European skinhead movement, risk hammering another nail into their image abroad.

# Major fascist gains in Dutch elections

**Fascists made a major political breakthrough in local elections in The Netherlands on 2 March. Both the fanatically racist Centrumdemocraten (CD) and the overtly nazi Centrumpartij 86 (CP 86) scored big gains.**

The CD, whose main slogan was "Our own people first", won 77 local council seats and 18 seats in five election districts in the city of Rotterdam. Four years ago, the corresponding figures were 11 and two. CP 86 took 9 seats in the provinces, two seats in Amsterdam and eight in Rotterdam.

The two fascist parties accounted for almost 14 per cent of the vote in Rotterdam and are now the second strongest political force in some city districts. In Utrecht and The Hague they gained almost 10 per cent.

The biggest losers overall were the ruling coalition parties, the centrist Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats, who are blamed for rising unemployment and the dismantling of The Netherlands' social security system.

Some of the fascists who were elected have records of serious criminality or are currently under police investigation.

Gerard van der Spek, who was elected for the Centrumdemocraten in Delft, is a convicted drug trafficker. In 1985, he was jailed for four years in Maidstone, southeast England, after being found guilty of smuggling a large quantity of hard drugs. Hennie Selhorst, another successful CD candidate in Arnhem, is currently the subject of a police inquiry into drug trafficking.

Peter Haex, the CD candidate elected in Roermond, is another criminal. Shortly before the elections he was convicted for the rape of two under-age girls. Other CD and CP 86 candidates have convictions for illegal weapons possession or are awaiting trial for various offences.

**Hans Janmaat (right) leader of the fascist Centrumdemocraten, canvassing for support in the local elections**

Nazi pedigrees also run strongly through the lists of fascist vote-winners. One of CP 86's candidates in Rotterdam is Martijn Freling. Freling was a founder member of the violent nazi Aktiefront National Socialisten (ANS) in 1983 and is reported to have fought alongside other nazi mercenaries in Croatia after spending the past two years in Bavaria. Two other ANS nazis, Michel Hoogstra and Michel Voossen, were also elected for CP 86.

If the views of the winning fascist candidates match those of Hans Janmaat, the CD member of parliament, who says that because "Jews are a nomadic tribe" they should be excluded from The Netherlands, it is not surprising that the local election results have caused deep shock and tensions are high in the run-up to the general elections on 3 May.

*From our Dutch correspondent*

# Belgian nazis promote family events

After a long hibernation, the ultra-right in Belgium has woken up and organised a flurry of events. The most important was the party congress of the fascist Vlaams Blok (VB), held in Antwerp on the weekend of 26 and 27 February.

Attended by more than 3,000 fascists and their supporters, the congress was billed as a family occasion with VB thugs handing out large numbers of balloons to visiting children.

The most interesting aspect of the congress was its projection of fascist internationalism. On the Saturday afternoon, a European forum was staged at which fascists from the French-speaking part of Belgium (a foreign country to the VB), France, the Netherlands, Croatia, Estonia and Germany were represented.

The French delegation was from the Front National and the Netherlands speaker was Martin de Reght from the Centrumdemocraten. The German who attended, however, did not come from the Republikaner but its split-off, the nazi Deutsche Liga für Volk und Heimat (DL).

On 3 February, Manfred Rouhs, a leading DL member and editor of *Europa Vorn*, had declared that his party would hold its own congress in Antwerp on 26 and 27 of February, parallel to the Vlaams Blok event, no doubt to escape the attentions of anti-fascists.

Rumours also abounded that the Russian fascist leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky, already banned from making a speech at a DL meeting in Cologne, would also be on hand. In the end, all the rumours and declarations turned out to be hot air. Rouhs back-tracked and said that only one DL member – himself – would be present in Antwerp. Zhirinovsky was nowhere to be seen.

The confusion over the DL's status could be connected with the split inside the European Parliament's fascist Technical Group of the European Right, which resulted in the departure of Harald Neubauer, leader of the DL, from the Front National dominated grouping on 31 January.

The main subject of discussion at the international round table was the creation of effective international collaboration between Europe's electoral fascist parties.

On Sunday, the Vlaams Blok announced its candidates' list for the June European elections. Most of the candidates are VB members already sitting in the Belgian parliament and senate – presumably on the grounds that they are electable. First on the list is 68-year-

old Karel Dillen, currently the VB's only Euro-MP.

The party aims to increase its vote by at least 1.5% and hopes to win a second seat in Strasbourg. If it does, the seat will most likely go to Frank Vanhecke, 34, from Bruges. Vanhecke, who sits on the party's executive, is the right-hand man of the VB's real leader Filip Dewinter and was a member of the same fascist student association, the Nationalist Young Student Union, in the early 1980s.

Fascists of a more openly nazi variety also held a gathering in Belgium on 26 February. This time the purpose was to commemorate the British nazi bonehead chief Ian Stuart Donaldson, who died last year in a road accident.

More than 250 nazi skinheads from Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Britain, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland and Romania gathered – without balloons – for what they described as "a family gathering with orchestra" in the village of Ettelgem, near the coast.

The nazi festival's organiser was Steve Cirock from the Belgian coastal town of Knokke-Heist. Cirock is one of the two Belgian louts who were arrested during the nazi riot in London on 15 January.

Four bands had been advertised to play but only one showed up and by midnight the gig was over, but not before five of the assembled thugs – three British, one Swiss and one Italian – had been lifted by police for public order offences.

These two events indicate that Belgium may be regaining its former crucial role as a meeting ground for right-wing extremists and nazis.

*From our Belgian correspondent*

**GERMANY**

## CSU plays racist card

Helmut Kohl's main coalition partner, the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), has confirmed that it will use *Überfremdung* – "too much foreign influence" – as one of its principal campaign themes in European, regional and national parliamentary elections this year.

Though the CSU's announcement in January caused alarm, leading CSU members, including federal Finance Minister Theo Waigel, have maintained their position, arguing that if the CSU does not "respond to the fears of ordinary people, then pied pipers and charlatans will do so".

This new policy has been matched by the adoption of a much more anti-Europe strategy than hitherto. The CSU will now focus on "preserving German identity" and calls "to stop the regulations madness of Brussels bureaucrats".

This latest turn towards hardline German nationalism, in a bid to steal the political clothes of the fascist Republikaner Partei, comes in the wake of demands by Michael Glos, a leading CSU politician, that the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) should be outlawed.

The CSU's partners in the CDU have remained largely silent on the *Überfremdung* issue and some have expressed scepticism and opposition over banning the PDS. Others like Wolfgang Schäuble, the former Interior Minister and now the parliamentary leader of the CDU/CSU, have tried to match the CSU's right-wing rhetoric.

Schäuble's latest demand is that the German armed forces should be used as an instrument of internal order and the German constitution should be amended to accommodate such moves. Schäuble's policy would mean troops patrolling the streets and German frontiers hunting refugees and others whose papers might not be fully in order.

Though condemned in the Bundestag by representatives of the liberal FDP, the opposition SPD and the PDS, the fact that Schäuble's proposal was rather more than individual kite-flying was highlighted by Friedrich Bohr, the minister for Helmut Kohl's Chancellor's office. He told the Bundestag on 14 January that "the idea is sensible, given the changes in Europe" and promised that "the coalition will look seriously at the plan".

Schäuble's anti-democratic policy of giving the Bundeswehr an active internal political role, coming together with the sudden employment of the term "state of emergency" in the German government's vocabulary, marks a dangerous and sinister development.

## CDU man published nazi hit list

The publisher of the nazi hit list *Der Einblick* (Insight) has been an active member of Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) since October 1991, the party's president in the Gross-Gerau district has admitted.

The admission came after the man, Norman Kempken, 25, was arrested in a police swoop on 3 February in Rüsselsheim, near Frankfurt. He has been held in custody in Cologne since his arrest.

Kempken, who denied any nazi links while in the CDU, has a long track record of fascist involvement. In 1985 he was a founder member of the nazi football hooligan gang The Taunus Front and later was a cadre of the now banned Nationalistische Front (NF).

The NF's alleged differences with other nazi factions never troubled Kempken, who mixed openly with members of the Wiking Jugend (Viking Youth) and also had close contacts with the violent nazi Freiheitliche Deutsche Arbeiter Partei and the nazi prisoners' aid group, the HNG, which is run by Christian Worch's Gesinnungsgemeinschaft der Neue Front (GdNF).

The CDU has indicated that it will expel Kempken but the question remains how an open and hard-core nazi was able to become a member in the first place.

While Kemken gets on with helping the police with their enquiries, Stefan Cumic, another nazi involved in publication of *Der Einblick*, has been thrown out of the nazi scene for being too helpful to the police during his short detention just before Christmas.

The fact that a series of new arrests followed Cumic's release has been taken by his erstwhile GdNF comrades to mean that he informed on them in order to buy freedom for himself. Cumic is now going around telling the press that he "left the scene voluntarily". Anti-fascists should be on their guard against approaches from him.

## Holocaust denial is not racial hatred

A German appeal court has ruled that denial of the Holocaust does not incite racial hatred.

The court dismissed charges against against Günther Deckert, leader of the Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands (NPD). He had appealed against a sentence of one year's probation imposed by a lower court, which found him guilty of inciting racial hatred by claiming that Jews invented stories about the gas chambers in Auschwitz and other Nazi death camps.

The European Centre of Law criticised the ruling, pointing out that denial of the Holocaust is a key part of national socialist hate propaganda. A spokesperson for Human Rights Watch said the court's decision "opens

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**Revisionist material denying the existence of gas chambers in Auschwitz, circulating in Germany, but printed by Anthony Hancock, the notorious British nazi printer**

the doors to a new flood of human rights violations". Several Jewish organisations have expressed concern.

German nazis have naturally welcomed the decision. A spokesperson for the Deutsche Volksunion (DVU) called it "another sign that the fatherland is on the right road".

## Seven die in arson attack

A fire in a block of flats in Stuttgart which houses mainly non-Germans killed seven people, including two children, early on 16 March. Seventeen were injured, some badly.

The German authorities said that evening that they were not ruling out arson with a racist motive as the cause of the fire.

The dead included a Turkish woman and her daughter, a German woman and her daughter and a Croatian couple. The building had a wooden staircase which caught fire, stopping people from escaping and hindering attempts by the fire brigade to put out the blaze.

Nazis and racists have murdered dozens of people since the reunification of Germany in 1990, including several children who were victims of arson attacks on their living accommodation.

## New party claims centre ground

Yet another new extreme right-wing party has appeared on the German political landscape. Though not fascist, the new party stands to the right of any other conservative party in Germany and has the advantage of having been founded by a comparatively well known and respected figure, Manfred Brunner.

Brunner, a Bavarian lawyer, a former Liberal and former *chef de cabinet* of European Commissioner Martin Bangemann, was sacked on the orders of Helmut Kohl after he publicly criticised the Maastricht Treaty. Since then his opposition to European political and economic union has been unremitting and has now culminated in the launch of his own party, the League of Free Citizens (BFB).

The BFB has already won the endorsement of the "yuppie fascist" Jörg Haider in neighbouring Austria. It sees itself as filling a vacuum in the centre of German politics. Some would argue that this shows how much the centre has moved to the right.

Apart from being bitterly hostile to Maastricht and bent on a determined defence of the German Mark, Brunner has declared openly his opposition to the welfare state, which he sees as a form of "social democratisation". He urges greater powers for the police and the deployment of the German army on Germany's frontiers to prevent refugees – who he thinks should have no rights anyway – from entering the country.

In a meeting in Bonn at the end of February, Brunner unveiled his nationalist politics with a statement saying: "Europe can be no substitute Fatherland" and: "the Maastricht treaty is a treaty against history".

The new party has only about 100 members, some of whom are right-wing academics. Others are former members of Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), like Wolfgang Madai from Chemnitz, who has been accused of misappropriating almost £100,000 of public funds.

Brunner claims that more than 4,000 people have already expressed interest in joining, including a former police chief. He has also said that former members of the nazi Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands (NPD) and the Deutsche Volksunion would be eligible for membership. But he is mainly building his hopes on mass defections of disappointed supporters of the ruling CDU and its coalition partners. These new BFB members, claims Brunner, will show the German Government that it "must once more learn to defend German interests".

Despite his attempts to clothe himself in respectability and to distance himself from the fascist right, Brunner still faces problems. The right-wing Christian Social Union (CSU) in Bavaria, after first trying to win him over, has hijacked his policies and will fight elections this year on a nationalist, anti-Europe programme that looks suspiciously similar to that of the BFB.

His founding congress in January had to be transferred from Weimar to Wiesbaden after the Interior Ministry in Thüringen banned it, warning that anti-fascist demonstrators would lay siege to the conference hall.

**REP leader Schönhuber, trying to pick a winner for the next election?**

Franz Schuster, Thüringen's Interior Minister, said: "The League is far more dangerous than any of the existing right-wing parties such as the Republikaner or the NPD, because of its ability to attract the respectable middle-class voter."

Brunner expects to do precisely that in the European elections in June. He has predicted that his party will win as much as 35 per cent of the vote and bases this optimistic analysis on opinion polls which show that 85 per cent of Germans are opposed to the creation of a European currency.

It remains to be seen whether the BFB will eat into the fascist vote in this year's elections or into that of Kohl's CDU and its CSU coalition partners.

## Nazis unite behind Republikaner party

Hard-core nazis will throw their weight behind the electoral fascist Republikaner Partei (REP) in this year's German parliamentary elections, following a top-level meeting in Saxony at the end of February.

The meeting, attended by cadres of the banned Deutsche Alternative and Nationale Offensive, together with the Hamburg-based Nationale Liste, decided to establish "Voters' Initiatives for the Republikaner".

According to Christian Worch, leader of Nationale Liste, the objective is to give the REP's campaign "a decisive accent". However, Franz Schönhuber, the former member of the Waffen SS who leads the REP, is not so sure he wants the support of his browner comrades and has threatened them with legal action.

His move is only for show. Schönhuber, faced with a 2 per cent fall in support for his party in the opinion polls, has decided in any case to steer harder to the right. At the REP's meeting in Osterhofen, Lower Bavaria, on 16 February, he made strident demands for "reevaluation" of the history of the Third Reich. "Germany's only crime", he told a cheering crowd of 6,500 fascists, "was to lose two world wars."

Schönhuber has also been trying to cultivate contacts inside the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), a coalition partner in the Bonn government, in order to boost his party's election prospects.

A meeting with the former Bavarian Prime Minister Max Streibl in February led to harsh criticism from Streibl's CSU colleagues as well as from Ignatz Bubis, the head of Germany's 40,000-strong Jewish community.

Bubis's remarks prompted a furious anti-semitic outburst from Schönhuber, who labelled Bubis a "self-appointed judge" and suggested that he "should spend his time giving warnings about his Jewish fellow citizens, Gysi, Wolf, Schalck-Golodkowski and Heym, instead of attacking blameless democrats like Streibl".

## No inquiry into war criminals' charity

The German Government has refused to mount an inquiry into the activities and charitable status of the so-called *Stille Hilfe* (Quiet Aid), which provides financial assistance to former SS officers convicted of war crimes and their families.

Siegfried Vergin, a Social Democrat member of the Bundestag, demanded an inquiry in January, following revelations that the organisation was able to obtain tax concessions for SS veterans.

Founded in 1951, *Stille Hilfe* sought a measure of social respectability. Many of its earliest supporters were scions of the German aristocracy who had served in the SS. Its first

president was Princess Helene-Elisabeth von Isenburg, a relative of the SS general Duke Josias zu Waldeck-Pyrmont.

While ostensibly non-political, *Stille Hilfe* has links with organised neo-nazi groups and Holocaust Denial propaganda. Pamphlets describe SS war criminals as "war convicted" and the organisation has supported, among others, Klaus Barbie, Martin Sommer, "the hangman of Buchenwald", and Joseph Schwammberger, who was convicted two years ago for complicity in the murder of 641 Jews.

Run from an office in the small town of Rotenburg an der Wumme, Lower Saxony, the organisation was led until 1992 by Adelheid Klug (Nazi Party membership number 3963417), a former leader of the nazi German Girls' League. Klug boasted often about her close connections with Thies Christophersen, a leading Auschwitz liar and former SS man.

Klug's predecessor was Rudolf Aschenauer, publisher of the memoirs of Adolf Eichmann, who was executed as a war criminal. Klug continued the good relations Aschenauer had with conservative politicians in Bonn. The CDU/CSU Bundestag fraction leader, Alfred Dregger, praised her work as recently as February 1989. Though Klug remains honorary president of *Stille Hilfe*, Horst Janzen in Wuppertal has taken over her practical functions.

The registered, tax-exempt charity, whose annual income exceeds £40,000, maintains its associations with active neo-nazis. The organisation was represented, along with the leadership of the entire nazi scene in Germany, at a graveside ceremony in Kassel, on 3 January 1992, for Michael Kühnen, the neo-nazi leader who died of Aids. *Stille Hilfe*'s Hamburg branch laid a wreath which carried the inscription "Michael Kühnen – his honour is loyalty".

Other threads connect *Stille Hilfe* with the nazi Wiking Jugend (Viking Youth), the Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands and the Deutsche Volksunion, led by the millionaire publisher and landlord Gerhard Frey.

Although all these facts are documented and publicly available, Dr Jürgen Echternach, state secretary in the federal Finance Ministry, claimed in a letter to Mr Vergin that "the existence of *Stille Hilfe* is unknown to the authorities" and "no action can therefore be taken".

Mr Vergin described this as "a scandal" and said that Echternach's letter was "a document of helplessness" and "typical of current government policy towards the extreme right".

Vergin's declaration received further justification several days later with another federal government announcement, this time on the subject of compensation payments for the mainly Jewish victims of nazi occupation in the Baltic states.

No compensation will be paid, the federal Finance Ministry confirmed on 7 February, on the grounds that the "numbers of affected survivors are low" and "the corresponding administrative costs too high". Meanwhile, Latvian citizens who served in the Waffen SS and were involved in the slaughter of 400,000 Jews in the Baltic states continue to be eligible for a German military pension of between £40 and £120 per month.

New research reveals evolution of a nazi bonehead

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## Vienna police in nazi leaflet scandal

A nazi leaflet circulating in Viennese police stations threatened to deny protection to "race-mixing politicians" and judges who convict nazis, it has been revealed.

The unprecedented leaflet appeared in May 1993 and again after the bomb attacks at the end of last year. The text stated baldly the ideas of its authors: "Our professional honour and conviction as representatives of law and order, and not of legalistic injustice, impel us to put ourselves at the disposal of the *Volk*. Therefore we of the Notwehrgemeinschaft der Sicherheitswachebeamten (Self Defence Society of the Security Police) are unable to guarantee the safety of race-mixing politicians who through their criminal actions have abandoned their rights to protection ... we shall not allow the present system to persecute its political opponents. Judges and lawyers who violate human rights and indulge in political witch-hunting will also be denied our protection."

The Notwehrgemeinschaft der Sicherheitswachebeamten is shortened to NS, which is also a German abbreviation for nazi. By "violations of human rights" the leaflet meant the trials against leading nazis like Gottfried Küssel, which were then proceeding.

Writing about these trials, the leaflet's authors state: "when one realises that these 'right-wing extremists' stand for law and order, for the protection of the native population and above all for a strengthening of the state's executive powers, then the nervousness of *OK* [organised crime] and the Government which is part of it becomes easy to understand."

The use of the internal police expression "*OK*" for organised crime shows that the leaflet is written by police officers for police officers, especially in the security branch.

The particular corner of Vienna's fascist scene to which the nazi officers are linked has now been confirmed beyond doubt from a second leaflet, which also first appeared in May 1993. It contains a list of names of eight, mainly Jewish people invited to advise the Government on reformulating the country's anti-nazi laws at the beginning of 1992.

The same list, with identical accompanying antisemitic abuse, appeared in a book written by Gerd Honsik, the convicted Auschwitz liar. The book, *Wiedergutmachungsbetrüger Szymon Wizenthal – Schelm und Scheusal* (Reparations trickster Szymon Wizenthal – comedian and freak) appeared in July 1993, two months *after* the police leaflet.

Some of the language used in the leaflet leads directly back to its sources: Günther Reinthaler, Gerhard Endres and Franz Radl, leading neo-nazis all of whom are in jail because of the letter bomb blitz.

They used exactly the same expressions in an article in the magazine *Basta*. Radl has since boasted in front of witnesses that he is the co-publisher of Honsik's diatribe. Police who heard this did nothing.

According to cadres of the nazi Volkstreue Ausserparlamentarische Opposition (VAPO), nazi chiefs brag that their organisation has policemen in its ranks. Endres and his playmates have even stated publicly that, after left-wing demonstrations, they can easily obtain the names, addresses and other details of those arrested or screened by police. They claim that they regularly obtain similar data on the organisers of such events.

The nazis' claims are credible because there has been a curious revival of extreme right-wing activities in some Viennese police departments. The last police staff representative elections produced a staggering victory for the Aktion Unabhängiger und Freiheitlicher (AUF – Operation Independent and Free), the faction closest to Jörg Haider.

Developments in the 450-strong Vienna riot police, an AUF stronghold, give particular cause for concern. A company commander in this unit regularly greets his troops with a shout of "*sieg heil*". On some weekends the same officer ventures to nearby forests with his subordinates to sing nazi songs and take part in military exercises.

Scandals about extremist activities within the Viennese police now seem endless. Officers have been caught working as part-time pimps, others have openly admitted to being present at fascist meetings, while police weapons have been "lent" to the so-called "red light milieu". Almost all officers caught up in these scandals have later been found to be members of, or officials in, the AUF.

At present, however, it is not yet clear how many of these fascist police officers were working on the pre-Christmas letter bombs case, in which the main suspect, nazi terrorist Ekkehard Weil, so conveniently escaped.

*From our Austrian correspondent*

# Young fascists reject MSI's new refined image

On a 17th century palace just outside Rome one can still make out the phrase "Believe! Obey! Fight!" This phrase was coined by fascist dictator Benito Mussolini in the early 1920s, when he transformed the fascist movement into an official political party, a party which came to power through violence: threats, beatings, fire bombings and assassinations by paramilitary blackshirts.

Today, the fascists of Mussolini's successor party, the Movimento Sociale Italiano (MSI), are using the phrase "new fascism". They argue that since 1990 Europe has gone through enormous changes politically and that the historical events of the 1920s and 1930s cannot be repeated because fascism has passed to a higher, more mature stage.

When one sees MSI leaders like Gianfranco Fini or Teodoro Buontempo speaking on television or at a rally, the image of bank executives wearing immaculately tailored suits supports this impression.

But many of the Italian fascism's younger element do not agree with Fini's refined approach and want a more blood-lust oriented style. They even attack Fini as the great traitor to the cause.

The main anti-MSI faction amongst the fascists is the Avantguardia Nazionale, founded in 1960 by Stefano della Chiaie, who considers the MSI "a supporter of dying bourgeois democracy".

Della Chiaie is regarded as the founder of the nazi bonehead movement. He believes that violence is the only legitimate path to fascism. His heroes were and remain Goebbels and Himmler and his ideology of "spontaneous armed action" is similar to the ideas of "leaderless resistance" promoted by the US nazi Louis Beam.

After a long period of involvement in terrorism, his political strategy has been to take over the most ideological of the nazi bonehead groupings, the Movimento Politico (MP), a youth group nurtured by Fini since its foundation at the end of the 1980s.

The MP was for a while under the political direction of Fini and the military leadership of Buontempo and was used for some of the MSI's dirtier assignments.

Now, however, after a period of enforced restraint because of an Internal Affairs Ministry ban last year, the MP has lined up with della Chiaie's Avantguardia Nazionale (AN) and launched a series of brutal racist assaults that have alarmed the police and the authorities.

The latest actions follow a call by the AN, issued after the fascist successes in the Rome and Naples city elections on 5 December last year, urging its supporters to prepare for action in late February to early March.

On 18 February, 33-year-old Gianfranco Mascia, a vocal opponent of Silvio Berlusconi, the ultra-right media mogul, was severely assaulted by masked assailants and hospitalised.

On 19 February, two Tunisians travelling on a bus in Ostia, where Buontempo is the MSI's election candidate, recognised an 18-year-old white youth as the person who had attacked them on the street several days earlier. The youth also recognised Ali Saadani, one of the Tunisians, and demanded a cigarette from him.

**Above: The right's shaky alliance: Bossie, Fini and Berlusconi**

Skinheads clad in black leather jackets and military boots are regular passengers on the bus, which follows a route often used by right-wing gangs. The bus gradually filled up and the boneheads hurled racist abuse, followed by pushing and shin-kicking.

At the end of the line, the boneheads allowed Ali and his friend to get off the bus but then chased them. Ali's friend escaped but Ali tripped, fell and was set upon by a dozen boneheads. He ended up with three broken ribs, three stab wounds and severe bruising all over his body.

During the attack another 60 youths stood around, applauding the boneheads and chanting "Italy for the Italians" and "Jews and Africans out". When police later searched the home of one the boneheads arrested for the attack, they found swastika necklaces, a photograph of Mussolini and a nazi flag.

Investigating police have also uncovered links between the fascist boneheads and the local Medellin Mafia drug clan. Drug dealing appears to have financed paramilitary camps.

Two days later in the same area, Fabio Coveri, a local charity worker, was savagely attacked by a group of 20 boneheads armed with baseball bats. Coveri comes from Veneto and, because of his northern accent and blond hair, the boneheads mistook him for a Polish migrant.

The next day two bonehead scooter riders used bicycle chains to batter two Moroccans who were offering to wash car windscreens. A day later, Don Di Liegro, an anti-fascist Caritas priest, Amadeo Piva, the assessor for social politics in Rome and Mayor Francesco Rutelli, whom the fascists call the "Jew Mayor", received death threats.

Another change in the MP's tactics is to concentrate more heavily on the myths that foreigners and migrants are "taking jobs from Italians" and "white women are being sexually molested on the buses and in the streets". In other words, the fascists are saying the white race is faced with "contamination".

The hypocrisy is that, after racist violence, the second main activity of the nazi boneheads is raping high school and college students. Four such "politically motivated" rapes took place in January alone.

The embarrassment resulting from Movimento Politico's turn to open violence has caused an upheaval in the MSI leadership. Fini has ordered Buontempo to suppress this "revolt", which rather tarnished the MSI's success signalled by the acquittal – on the day of the attack on the Tunisians – of MSI parliamentarian Massimo Abbatangelo. He had been accused of a bomb attack in 1984 which left 16 dead and 266 wounded.

Containing the MP's violence is easier said than done. Squads of MSI youth league thugs have already moved to Ostia to campaign for Buontempo. They are also under orders to enforce discipline by making an example of those MP activists who are giving the MSI a bad name. However, the MP has members among the robots who provide security for the MSI's leadership.

Fini's determination to put the lid on the simmering differences between electoral fascism and terrorist fascism are reminiscent of Dr Strangelove's efforts to control his nazi-saluting right hand.

## Bossi's dilemma

The Northern League has stepped back a few paces from its alliance with Silvio Berlusconi, the media magnate, and announced that its choice for Prime Minister is Marroni, leader of the Senate.

Umberto Bossi, leader of the League, has rejected the prospect of Berlusconi becoming Prime Minister, saying that no P2 criminal will ever be Prime Minister.

The League, which expects to be invited to join the government after a right-wing victory, will hold a special post-election congress at Pontida on 10 April. Although the ostensible purpose is to discuss the League's choice for Prime Minister and its role in a future government, observers think its real purpose is to decide whether the League will continue to pursue its policy on secession.

By entering into a pact with the MSI and Berlusconi, Bossi departed from the League's origins as a regional secessionist party, damaging his base in the north of Italy. Now that he appears to have rejected both Gianfranco Fini, leader of the MSI, and Berlusconi as candidates for Prime Minister, it leaves him little choice but to secede if the right-wing alliance should win on 27 and 28 March.

● A full analysis of the Italian general election results will appear in the May issue of *Searchlight*.

*From our Italian correspondent*

AUSTRIA

## Schindler's List, Honsik's shame

Gerd Honsik, the nazi who fled to Spain to avoid an 18-month jail term in his native Austria, is having a bad time. Not only is he facing extradition and separation from Pedro Varela, the Spanish nazi CEDADE chief who gave him shelter, but his application for political asylum has also been rejected.

As if he did not have enough to worry about, the film director Steven Spielberg has put even more problems on his plate with his internationally acclaimed film *Schindler's List* and its portrayal of events in the nazi concentration camp at Plasov, near Krakow.

This camp, as the film shows, was ruled by one of the most cruel SS commandants of all, the Viennese born Amon Goeth, an art-loving philistine who liked nothing better than shooting defenceless prisoners like rabbits from his balcony when drunk. The sexual abuse of female prisoners was just one of the depraved crimes of this beast in human shape, who was hanged in 1947.

What has all this to do with Honsik? Well, Goeth was the favourite uncle of Honsik, who never tires of bragging that he comes from a family of "decent national socialists". Honsik even claims in his hate sheets that his mother, Goeth's sister, helped hide fleeing Jews.

Whether this pathological nazi liar, whose last book slandered nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal, will be pleased to go to the cinema to see how the "decent nazis" of his own family ran amok is not known.

*From our Austrian correspondent*

UNITED STATES

## LaRouche released from federal prison

Lyndon LaRouche's release from a federal prison in Minnesota is likely to spark increased activity by the constellation of organisations which surround his hard-core followers.

LaRouche was paroled on 26 January, after serving five years of a 15-year sentence for fundraising fraud. Six of his top assistants remain in prison on similar charges. While in jail, LaRouche stood as a presidential candidate. A recent appeal court ruling that the Federal Election Commission improperly denied him matching funds during the 1992 election, however, had no bearing on his conviction.

Like others on the far right, LaRouchians have rushed into the political storms in eastern Europe in an attempt to find a new constituency.

The Schiller Institute, a LaRouche front, sponsored a meeting in Moscow in January. Speakers included Professor Taras Muranivsky and the Russian space scientist Dr P G Kuznetsov. This was followed in February by a conference of the International Caucus of Labor Committees and the Schiller Institute in Washington, DC. The day before, another LaRouche entity, the Executive Intelligence Review, held a forum for five fellow travellers from the former Soviet Union: Taras Muranivsky, who reportedly teaches at the Ukrainian University of Moscow, Viktor Kuzin, a former member of the Moscow city council, Dr Walter Manusadjan, Konstantin Cheremnykh and Dimitri Glinsky.

In Germany, Helga Zepp-LaRouche will attempt to field a slate of candidates for the European Parliament elections on 12 June under the banner of the Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität (Civil Rights Movement Solidarity). And in the USA, LaRouchians are fielding candidates in the states of California, Texas, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota and Virginia.

LaRouche and his cadres have an apparently contradictory political identity. They began as a small breakaway faction from left-wing student groups in 1970. But the National Caucus of Labor Committees quickly established itself on the far right – with ties to the antisemitic Liberty Lobby and the Klan.

LaRouche cadres received paramilitary training from the now deceased Mitch Werbell, a freelance CIA operative. They also spied on political enemies for the South African government, the Marcos regime in the Phillipines and nuclear power companies in New England. In 1982 and 1983 Lyndon LaRouche met National Security Agency personnel as well as the then deputy director of the CIA, Bobby Inman. LaRouche was escorted to the meetings by his chief security adviser, Roy Frankhouser, a long-time Klan leader from Pennsylvania.

In recent years, LaRouchians have put on a left-wing mask. They attempted to infiltrate anti-Gulf War rallies held by traditional peace groups and curried favour with Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam. Their 1992 vice-presidential candidate was James Bevel, a former top aide to Dr Martin Luther King, Jr, who flirted with the Moonies before landing in the LaRouche camp.

At his ideological core, however, LaRouche is a fascist who believes a small group of "golden souls" will dominate society. Their prescription for economic recovery reads like a nazi industrialisation programme, and their convoluted conspiracy theories have an antisemitic twist. The organisation's search for political allies (on either the right or the left) is apparently motivated by the search for power and anti-fascists should not be fooled by LaRouche's machinations.

## Abortion doctor's killer convicted

Michael Griffin has been convicted of killing Dr David Gunn during an abortion protest outside a women's health clinic in Pennsacola, Florida, on 10 March 1993. Gunn was shot in the back three times as he got out of his car and walked towards the clinic to begin work.

Griffin admitted shooting Gunn shortly after the incident, but later recanted. The jury did not buy his defence attorney's attempt to portray Griffin as a man brainwashed by Rescue America leader John Burt, a former Klansman who leads attacks on abortion clinics. In 1986, Burt broke into an area clinic and damaged medical equipment and injured workers. He claims to have quit the Klan 20 years ago when he became a born-again Christian.

Some leaders of the anti-abortion movement attempted to portray Griffin as a "lone nut". The evidence is, however, that Griffin is one of a growing number on the far right willing to use lethal violence in their campaign against women's rights. Rescue America issued a press statement at the time of Gunn's murder which said, "While we think that Gunn's death is unfortunate, the fact is that a number of mothers would have been put at risk today."

A report by the Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights documents this strategy of terror, which it calls low-intensity warfare. According to the National Abortion Federation, violence directed at clinics between 1991 and 1993 included 37 bombings and arsons, 19 attempted bombings and 233 incidents of vandalism.

At the centre of this strategy is Rev Paul Hill, an Orthodox Presbyterian minister whose book, *Should We Defend Born and Unborn Children With Force?* is widely read in militant circles. Hill borrows the same story from the Bible which the racist Identity movement uses to justify its violence – that of Phineas and Zimri. Instead of the Phineas Priesthood, which murders people for interracial mixing, Hill envisages an underground of zealots who murder for "disobeying God's laws" with regard to abortion, homosexuality and other "crimes". The distance between Hill and the white supremacist movement is a distinction without a difference.

# REFLEX REPORTS FRANCE

**Reflex is the French equivalent of Searchlight. It publishes a magazine and carries out excellent research and analysis of the far right in France. Its staff have a strong sense of international cooperation and have agreed to exchange articles with Searchlight on a regular basis.**

# PNFE split widens as party finances are exposed

Hot on the heels of last month's news about the ructions occurring in the Parti Nationaliste Français et Européen (PNFE), further evidence has emerged of the financial wheelings and dealings within the party that led to the split between leader Claude Cornilleau and Marc Nicoud, the party's treasurer.

The disputes centred around a chateau that the PNFE was involved in buying as an investment. In October 1993 a company called SCI La Renaissance was set up in the southwest of France and capitalised at 21,000 francs (£2,450). Cornilleau and his German-born wife Elfrieda owned 13 shares of 500 francs each, his twin brother Georges owned one, as did various others, but Nicoud controlled 21 shares or half the company.

However, Nicoud was acting on behalf of the disgraced neo-nazi mercenary Michel Faci, who was kicked out of the party in January. Faci borrowed the sum of 3.5 million francs from various banks, which enabled the PNFE to buy an isolated property in Cabariot, southwest France, large enough for several hundred people, which was intended as a party headquarters.

Faci had previously set up another company, SCI Sycophantia, capitalised at over 6.5 million francs. Faci himself invested only 100 francs in this new company, the rest coming from two brothers, Georges and Jean-Michel Gateau. Sycophantia acquired more than half a dozen properties around France, to be let for income, which belonged to the Gateau brothers.

Faci also set up another company with the grandiose name of Financière Aristocratique Civile Immobilière (FACI – the man's vanity has no bounds), capitalised at 30,000 francs. The shares in this company were divided between Faci, two siblings and some friends. FACI was another property speculation company.

With FACI and Sycophantia acting as guarantors, Faci was able to arrange the bank loans for the PNFE's company La Renaissance, although he was careful to keep his name off the paperwork.

However, Cornilleau's paranoia led him to imagine that Faci and Nicoud were in league with Jean-Dominique Larrieu, of Ogmios neo-nazi bookshop fame and dozens of financial frauds, in a plot to rob him of his newly acquired castle.

The chief rumour doing the rounds at present is that Cornilleau put a lot of pressure on Nicoud to sell his shares to him, which Nicoud refused to do, shortly after quitting his post as treasurer. Just weeks later in February, Nicoud and Faci took off with the contents of the party's bank accounts, although the amount they got was hardly worth bothering with – far less than the millions of francs invested in the castle at Cabariot.

Since February, the split has widened, with much name calling on both sides. Party deputy Marc Frederiksen and former deputy Eric Sausset have both pledged allegiance to the hapless Cornilleau and urged other party members to do likewise. The PNFE is thought to have less than 100 members now, despite last year's merger with the Faisceaux Nationalistes Européens. But more interestingly, it transpires that the dispute will end up in the courts, as both Nicoud/Faci and Cornilleau lay claim to the control of SCI La Renaissance and the chateau that launched a thousands splits.

Before all these financial shenanigans, the PNFE spent most of the last year establishing itself on the international circuit as a serious contender for the role of the main French neo-nazi contact. In June last year a PNFE delegation consisting of Cornilleau and Faci visited the Belgian former SS general Léon Degrelle in Spain, although Degrelle was unimpressed with Faci.

In September Faci travelled to the USA to speak at an America First meeting. This was followed by a visit to London in November by key PNFE members to attend the British National Party conference. John Tyndall, the BNP's leader, then returned the honour by spending the new year in France with the PNFE. Faci, whom he claims to have known for 18 years, and Henri Rocques, the revisionist.

Faci's current whereabouts are unclear, although he is believed to be in France. For how much longer remains to be seen, as he is presumed to be heading for South Africa along with the rest of Europe's motley ragbag of neo-nazi mercenaries.

Meanwhile, Larrieu, who is still languishing in jail awaiting trial after police raided his new bookshop La Librairie, has been found guilty in the courts of Holocaust denial and fined 30,000 francs. Larrieu wrote a book called *Non-lieu pour Paul Touvier*, under the pseudonym André Chelain, about Touvier, the Vichy collaborator who recently went on trial for crimes against humanity, in which he repeated the theories of Robert Faurisson that the gas chambers did not exist.

## FN faces protests

A series of demonstrations against the Front National has taken place in recent weeks. In Rennes a protest against a meeting hosted by Bruno Gollnisch, an FN MEP, who is Le Pen's new protégé, ended in a mini riot. In Corsica, Le Pen tried to hold a conference, but found that the airport runway had been blocked by militant Corsican separatists, who made it clear that they did not want him in their country.

And in Besançon, the revived SCALP movement, which advocates physical opposition to the Front National, demonstrated against Le Pen at a public meeting in which the party leader stated that if people did not vote for his party in the forthcoming cantonal elections, "France would be on the road to death".

**GERMANY**

## Mercenary arrested for serious assault

Police in Bavaria have arrested a nazi bonehead, who had served in Croatia, in connection with a savage assault. The nazi, named only as Michael H, aged 26, was the subject of six separate arrest warrants.

Press reports indicate that the arrest, on 1 March, was made when Michael H was crossing into Germany on a fake Finnish passport. His plan had been to take "weekend leave from the front" to visit his girlfriend in Hanover.

According to police, Michael H was an active member of the violent nazi Freiheitliche Deutsche Arbeiterpartei (FAP), which has been prominent, via its Bonn-based activist Norbert Weidner, in soliciting support for terror actions against anti-fascists.

The arrested nazi was a close associate of Thorsten Heise, Weidner's close ally in Hanover who has a string of convictions. When police seized him he was carrying a 9mm bullet and a sight for a high-velocity rifle, as well as nazi propaganda material.

The arrest stemmed from a savage assault on a 23-year-old bonehead who has tried to leave the nazi scene. The would-be defector was clubbed, knifed and seriously injured. To avoid prosecution for the attack, Michael H fled to Croatia, where he served as a mercenary for 400 DM a month.

On 3 March, the authorities in Lower Saxony announced that "a total of 25 German nazi mercenaries", mainly from the FAP and Deutsche Liga für Volk und Heimat, are currently serving in Croatia. This is a clear underestimate and an attempted to cover up the fact that, although their identities are known, no nazi mercenaries have yet been arrested for joining the war in Croatia, despite the fact that their presence there is a violation of German law.

# Fascists propose aid for repatriation deal

*Glyn Ford, MEP, a member of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament and a leading campaigner against racism and fascism, reports on the actions of Europe's parliamentary far right.*

The fascist views of the extreme right in France were once again brought to the fore with the recent politically motivated murder of Yann Piat, former member of the Front National and for two years the FN's only MP in the French National Assembly. She was known as Jean-Marie Le Pen's goddaughter until she was expelled from the party in October 1988.

A month earlier Piat had fallen out publicly with Le Pen after he made a tasteless play on the words "four crématoire", the French term for the Nazis' gas chambers, calling Michel Durafour, the Minister of Public Service, "Durafour Crématoire". A shocked Piat had described this facetious remark as "dormitory humour" and a short time afterwards switched to the Union pour la Démocratie Française (UDF).

## Goodbye godfather

After her expulsion from the FN she wrote, "I loved Jean-Marie. I hated Le Pen. Goodbye godfather," (*Libération* 28 February 1994). For the first ten days after Ms Piat's murder Le Pen kept a low profile, merely echoing the outrage of others. He finally entered the controversy, saying that she would not have been killed if she had stayed in the Front National. He claimed: "Our activists take care of security while the other parties employ people with too much time and too little ability, in other words 'thugs'".

The latest publication from the Secretariat of the Technical Group of the European Right (DR) in the run-up to the forthcoming European elections, *La France En Danger*, provides an account of their fears of European union. Their glib propaganda ranges from issues concerning their negative ultra-nationalistic beliefs of a "disintegrating" Europe, the "suicidal myth" of free movement, what they ironically term as "monetary utopia" as regards the European Monetary System, the "sacrifice of agriculture" and the "death of farmers" concerning the GATT issue, and the list goes on. They are quick to denounce. They describe ecology as a "Eurocrat's alibi", accuse the traditional right-wing parties of preferring (due to not wanting to be seen "flirting" with the extreme right) to vote in support of Parliamentary reports submitted by Socialist MEPs, whose ideology they have described as "suicidal, cosmopolitan and third-world". Cosmopolitan is always extreme-right code for Jewish-controlled.

Throughout this diatribe on Europe, the main attack is directed towards the ethnic minority population. According to Le Pen's preface to the book, Europeans have become "individualistic to the point of turning into cowardly and spineless egoists". The book proposes that we as Europeans "deal with the causes of immigration and not only tackle its effects" and "reverse the current of immigration and not to try to contain it".

Their solution would be a law decreeing that immigrants would receive social security benefits for a time after returning to their country of origin! They suggest that development aid, financed by France, would be restricted to third-world governments who allow their nationals to be repatriated. In order to avoid immigration it would be necessary to "act before the immigrants put their foot on French soil".

They demand firm action against asylum-seekers and immigrants through expulsion: "every foreign delinquent will be immediately expelled to his/her country of origin and deprived of French nationality if it has been acquired in the meantime". The Technical Group of the European Right wants acquisition of nationality determined by blood, the *jus sanguinis*, and no longer by place of residence, *jus soli*. Even third or fourth generation immigrants will not be granted French nationality.

A bizarre solution put forward by the FN in response to a Europe "condemned to helplessness and invasion" would be to build up a new cooperation with Africa "based on reciprocity". In return for aid from France the FN would demand that the receiving country import French products and allow the repatriation of its countrymen and women found in Europe. *Le France En Danger* incorporates and reiterates the views with which we in the European Parliament have become all too familiar since the 1984 European elections.

**A blot on the European landscape: Yvan Blot, the far-right MEP, who thinks immigrant languages are a threat to European culture**

The "threat of the death of a nation" due to an immigrant invasion is believed to have appeal in times of recession. The reality is in fact very different. Since 1980, aggregate figures of migrants to Europe have been in decline. The European Union receives less than five per cent of the world's refugees and asylum-seekers. In Le Pen's home country, between 1982 and 1990 the foreign population actually decreased by 130,000. This is one example of the lies contained within this book.

During the February plenary session in Strasbourg, Mr Yvan Blot (DR) welcomed the Killilea report on minority languages, saying that a balance of official languages ensured Europe's cultural multiplicity, but contradicted himself by voicing his opinion that the idea of minority languages such as Basque, Catalan, Gallic, Corse and Sarde seemed to their Group to be worthwhile. He said it could "put a brake on a temptation to create multicultural societies where *immigrant* languages could threaten the position of autochthonous languages in Europe itself". In other words, Cornish is more important than Urdu, Bengali or Gujurati.

As Italy prepares for its general election on 27 and 28 March, Mr Berlusconi and his Forza Italia are winning 35 per cent plus in the opinion polls nationwide. If his popularity continues, he stands a good chance of choosing the next Italian Government despite his close friendship with that most discredited of Italian politicians, Bettino Craxi. (I hope by the time *Searchlight* goes to press I will have been proven wrong.)

## Fellow travellers with fascism

Berlusconi has taken full advantage of the collapse of the traditional parties and corruption scandals which have crippled the democratic process in Italy. The Forza Italia is now electorally linked to the Movimiento Sociale Italiano (MSI) and the Lega Lombardia and it has emerged recently that the Partito Socialista Democratico Italiano (PSDI) is part of the Forza Italia electoral block. Moreover, two Socialist Group MEPs from the Partito Socialista Italiano (PSI), Maria Magnani Noya and Guiliano Ferrara, are formally backing the Berlusconi list in the general election. All these fellow travellers with fascism should be expelled, the two individuals from the Group of the PES, and the PSDI from the Socialist International when it meets in Tokyo on 10 and 11 May.

We may very well witness organisations like the Anti Nazi League in Britain picketing the Socialist International headquarters in London. We have in the past seen Conservatives allied with Socialists but Socialists allied with fascists is wholly intolerable. Such moves illustrate the extent to which the fascists have succeeded in redrawing the parameters of political debate and tainted other political actors in the process.

# SEARCHLIGHT IN ACTION

Searchlight has been playing a major role in the preparation of two major European Youth Anti-Racist and Anti-Fascist initiatives organised in Strasbourg and hosted by the Council of Europe. In December Searchlight provided expert input into the planning of the council of Europe Youth Campaign Against Racism, which will be launched on 10 December 1994, International Human Rights Day.

Searchlight returned to Strasbourg in February for a major conference at the European Youth Centre of the Council of Europe, prepared by the UNITED European Anti-Racist Network. This conference, the largest ever international meeting of European anti-racist organisations, brought together 142 various groups from some 35 countries to plan and coordinate future activities on a Europe-wide level.

A major highlight of this event was an address by Graeme Atkinson, European editor of *Searchlight*, who gave a hard-hitting up-to-date briefing on the European nazi terror network. As a result of this conference, Searchlight, together with our friends at Reflex, the Berlin Anti-Racist Initiative and the Dutch Union of Jewish Students, will be organising a major European day of action on the occasion of the commemoration of Kristallnacht on 9 November.

The Searchlight team has again been very busy touring Britain, addressing anti-fascist meetings in London, Brighton, the Midlands, Sheffield and Newcastle, among others.

The tenth anniversary of Ray Hill's public defection from the nazis after seven years as an anti-fascist mole in South Africa and Britain, was celebrated in an article in *The Guardian* by black columnist Gary Younge. The article praised Ray's all-but-ignored early warnings over two years ago of the BNP's potential in Tower Hamlets.

## Election alert

Over the course of the next two months, nazis, fascists and racists, some of whom may be associated with mainstream parties, will be standing in the local council elections and the elections for the European Parliament.

*Searchlight* hopes its readers and supporters around the country will be taking part in any national or local initiatives against these enemies of democracy.

*Searchlight* needs local press reports of BNP, NF and other racist campaigns and the results, as well as top copies of their election material.

For further information on these initiatives, contact Searchlight or your local anti-fascist organisation.

# Anti-fascist fightback

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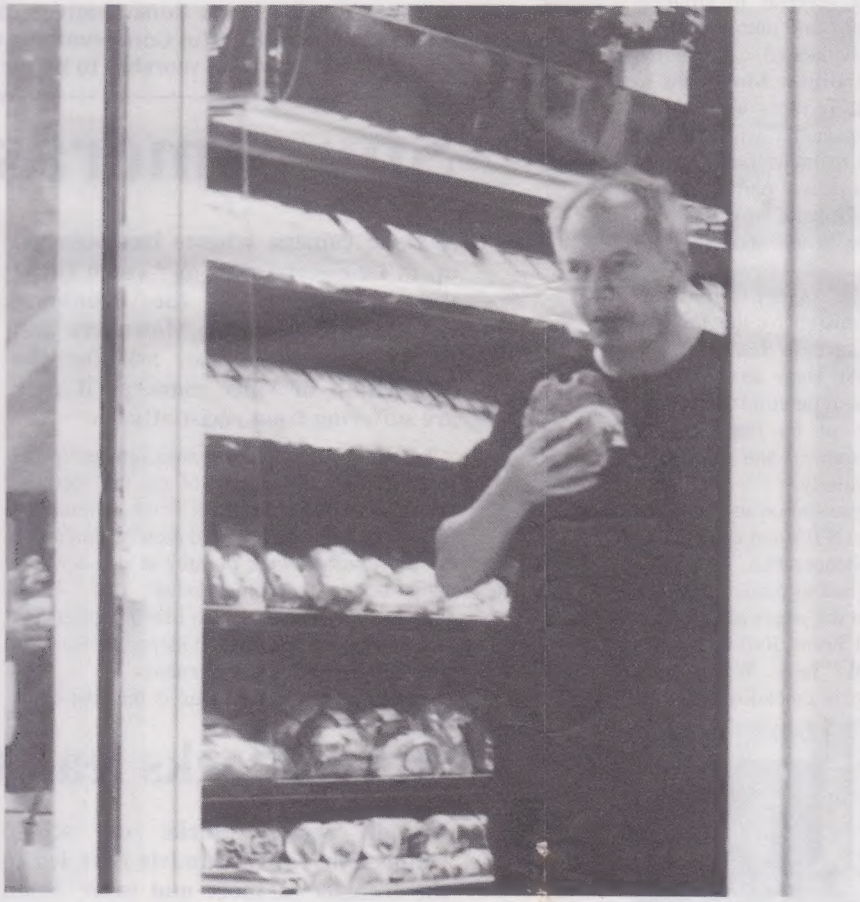
**Left: BNP boss John Tyndall, then leader of the National Front, who appears to have hijacked the NF and hidden the whole of it in his double chin. With him is Andrew Fontaine before they fell out over who should be leader. Below right: All bluster and bull-horn, Tyndall marches in step with Ray Hill (right) in his days as a Searchlight mole. Below left: Not a mouthful of mad cow disease, we hope: Michael Newlands, the BNP's new press officer and City University student**



dislike of women, which from his writings appears to be almost obsessive.

The letters page of the *Sunday Telegraph* is one of the few places in the national press where racists and fascists, often BNP members, can get their letters into print. Maybe it's something to do with the Telegraph being slap bang in the middle of Millwall ward, where Derek Beackon got elected for the BNP last September. One letter, from a R Tingey in London E9, was as ignorant as it was prejudiced, but another missive brought a real blast from the past. On 27 February a letter appeared from one John Bean, who now lives in retirement in the beautiful Suffolk village of Wickhambrook. Bean claimed that if you keep telling "indigenous working folk" (such quaint language) that if they oppose immigration they are also supporting nazi extermination methods, eventually they will say "what the hell" and vote for extremists, some of whom are nazis. Was this not what happened last year on the Isle of Dogs?

How strange. Bean was the national organiser of the original BNP from 1960 until it became part of the newly formed National Front in January 1967. He also edited its paper *Combat*, one of the best publications ever turned out on the far right. Bean, then an editor of a commercial magazine for the paint industry, wrote with both wit and hate. He was also one of the best street speakers the British far right had after Mosley.

His downfall came about because of Tyndall's ambition to be boss of the NF and stories that his family circle had been infiltrated by an intelligence service officer.

Like many on the far right in those days, Bean started life in the League of Empire Loyalists. He then ran the National Labour Party with Andrew Fontaine, a wealthy East Anglian landowner and former Tory party candidate. Fontaine too fell foul of the jumped up "wannabe" from south London, John Tyndall.

In those days you knew exactly where you stood with Britain's nazis, whoops sorry, they liked to be called racial nationalists. They hated everybody from Jews to blacks and even London's Cypriot community suffered from them.

Possibly their main claim to fame was helping James Earl Ray, the killer of the American black leader Martin Luther King, when he was on the run in Britain. They had some of the hardest men on the British nazi